

Maryland Historical Trust Maryland Inventory of Historic Properties Form

Inventory No. CE-132

EASEMENT

1. Name of Property (indicate preferred name)

historic Hollingsworth House
other Elk Landing (preferred)

2. Location

street and number Landing Lane South ___ not for publication
city, town Elkton ___ vicinity
county Cecil

3. Owner of Property (give names and mailing addresses of all owners)

name Town of Elkton
street and number P.O. Box 157 telephone (410) 398-0970
city, town Elkton state Maryland zip code 21922-0157

4. Location of Legal Description

courthouse, registry of deeds, etc. liber 847 folio 430
city, town tax map 314 tax parcel 178 tax ID number 03054705

5. Primary Location of Additional Data

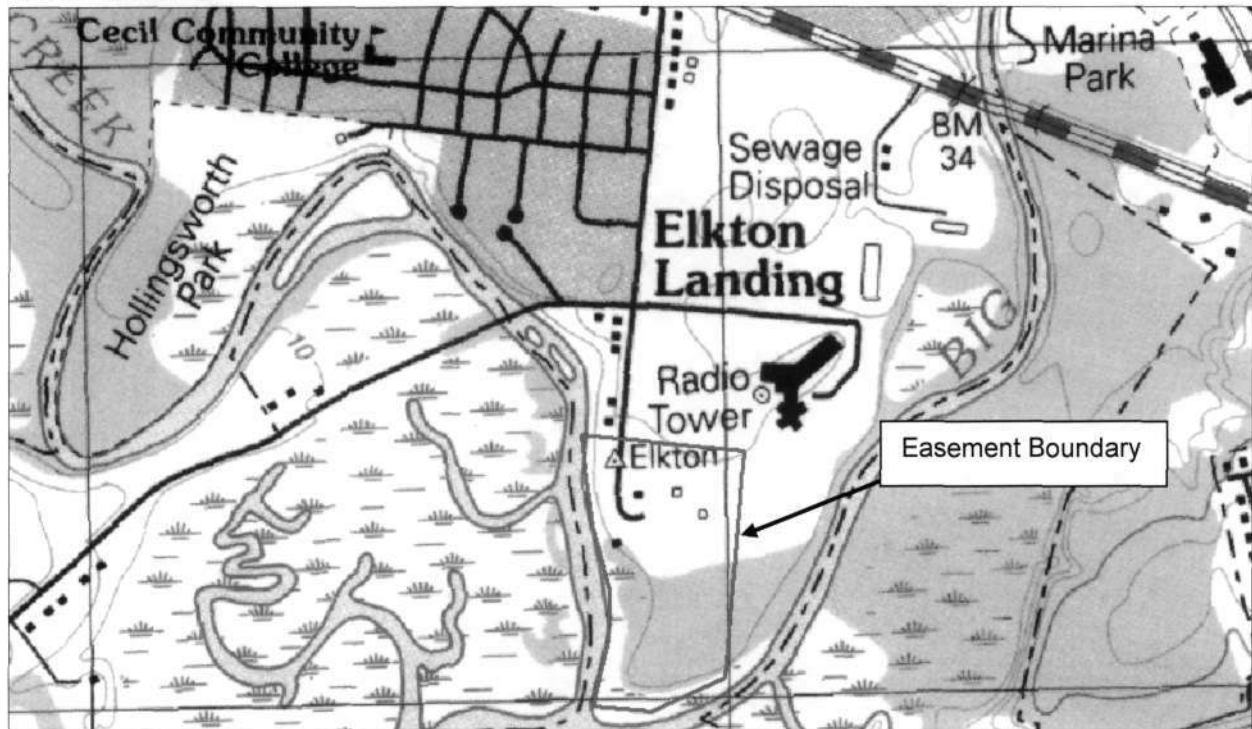
- ☐ Contributing Resource in National Register District
☐ Contributing Resource in Local Historic District
☐ Determined Eligible for the National Register/Maryland Register
☐ Determined Ineligible for the National Register/Maryland Register
☐ Recorded by HABS/HAER
☐ Historic Structure Report or Research Report at MHT
☒ Other: MHT Preservation Easement Property

6. Classification

Category	Ownership	Current Function	Resource Count
<input type="checkbox"/> district	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> public	<input type="checkbox"/> agriculture	Contributing
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		<input type="checkbox"/> other:	

Number of Contributing Resources previously listed in the Inventory

CE-132
Elk Landing
(Hollingsworth House)
Landing Lane South
Elkton Quadrangle



Cecil County Tax Maps 314 and 319



EXHIBIT B

**PROPERTY DESCRIPTION
ELK LANDING (HOLLINGSWORTH HOUSE)
LANDING LANE SOUTH
ELKTON, CECIL COUNTY**

- Beginning at a point on the easterly side of Landing Lane (50 feet wide), said point being a common corner for parcel B and lands herein being described and located south 05 degrees, 18 minutes, 31 seconds west, 699.55 feet from the point formed by the intersection of the southerly side of a fifty foot wide unnamed road and the easterly side of Landing Lane (50 feet wide).

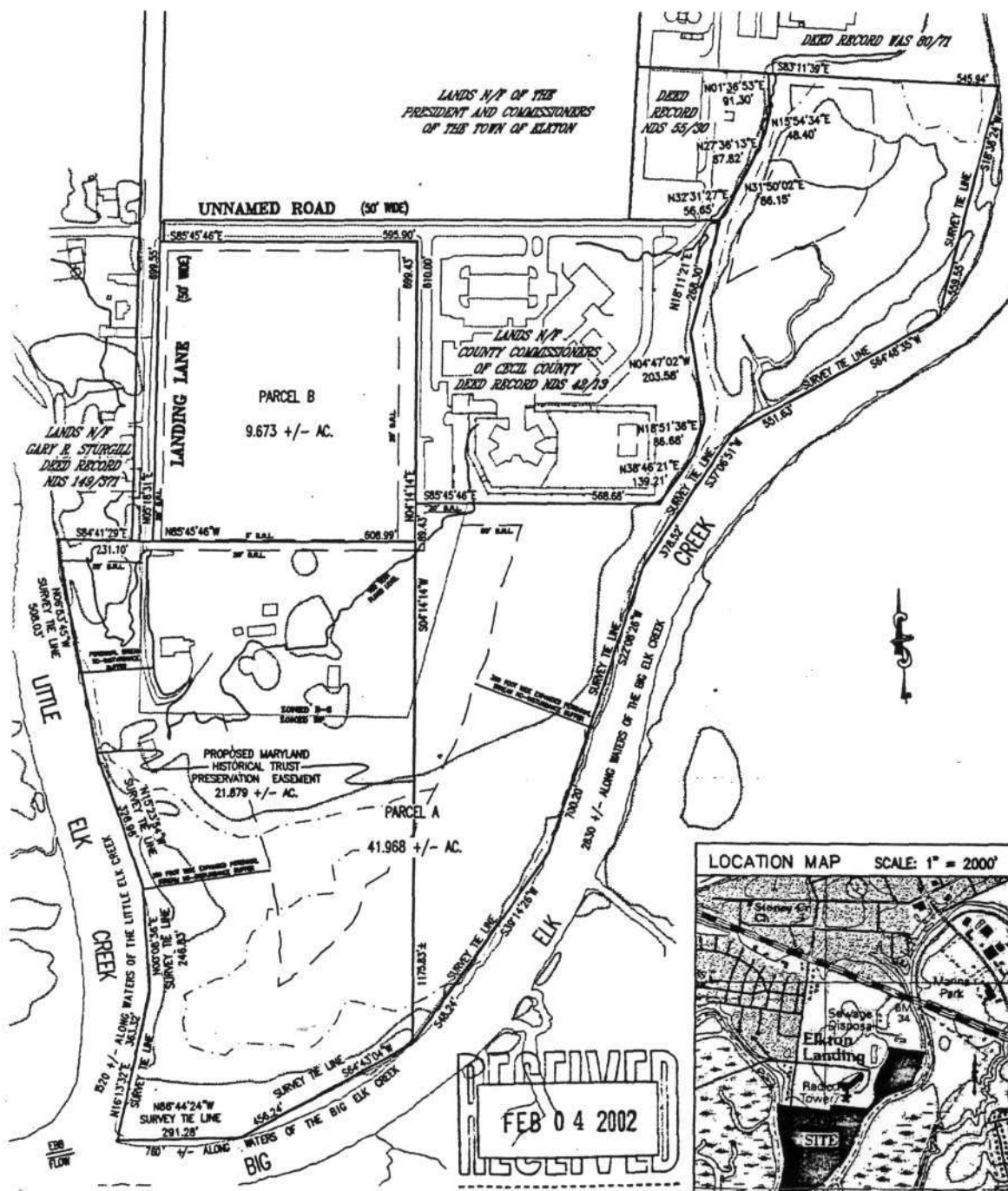
Thence, from said Point of Beginning, the following five courses and distances:

- (1) with parcel B, south 85 degrees, 45 minutes, 46 seconds east, 608.99 feet to a point, thence, through parcel A;
- (2) south 04 degrees, 14 minutes, 14 seconds west, 1175.83 feet more or less to a point on the waters of the Big Elk Creek, thence, with same;
- (3) southwesterly 760 feet, more or less, to the junction of the waters of the Big Elk Creek and Little Elk Creek, survey tie lines = south 64 degrees, 43 minutes, 04 seconds west, 456.24 feet to a point and north 86 degrees, 44 minutes, 24 seconds west, 291.28 feet to a point, thence, with the waters of the Little Elk Creek;
- (4) northerly 1520 feet, more or less, survey tie lines = north 16 degrees, 13 minutes, 32 seconds east, 363.32 feet to a point, north 00 degrees, 08 minutes, 36 seconds east, 246.83 feet to a point, north 15 degrees, 23 minutes, 54 seconds west, 328.96 feet to a point, and north 06 degrees, 53 minutes, 45 seconds west, 508.03 feet to a corner for lands now or formerly of Gary R. Sturgill, thence, with same;
- (5) south 84 degrees, 41 minutes, 29 seconds east, 231.10 feet to the Point of Beginning.

Containing with said metes and abounds 21.879 acres of land, be they the same, more or less.

Being a portion of that land conveyed by Deed dated October 15, 1999, by and between Carleton M. Young and John M. Young, by Carleton M. Young, his Attorney-in-Fact, by Specific Power of Attorney dated October 12, 1000 to the Town of Elkton, a Municipal Corporation, and recorded in the Recorder of Deeds in and for Cecil County in Liber WLB 0847, page 430.

*INCD
Attn: Randall Skeirik, R.A.
100 Community Place
Crownsville, MD 21032-2023*



ELK LANDING (THE HOLLINGSWORTH HOUSE)
ELKTON, CECIL COUNTY

Site Plan

SCALE: Not to Scale
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EXHIBIT A**SCHEDULE**

**ELK LANDING (HOLLINGSWORTH HOUSE)
LANDING LANE SOUTH
PRINCE FREDERICK, MARYLAND 21921**

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Schedule

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General view of the property, looking northwest, showing the
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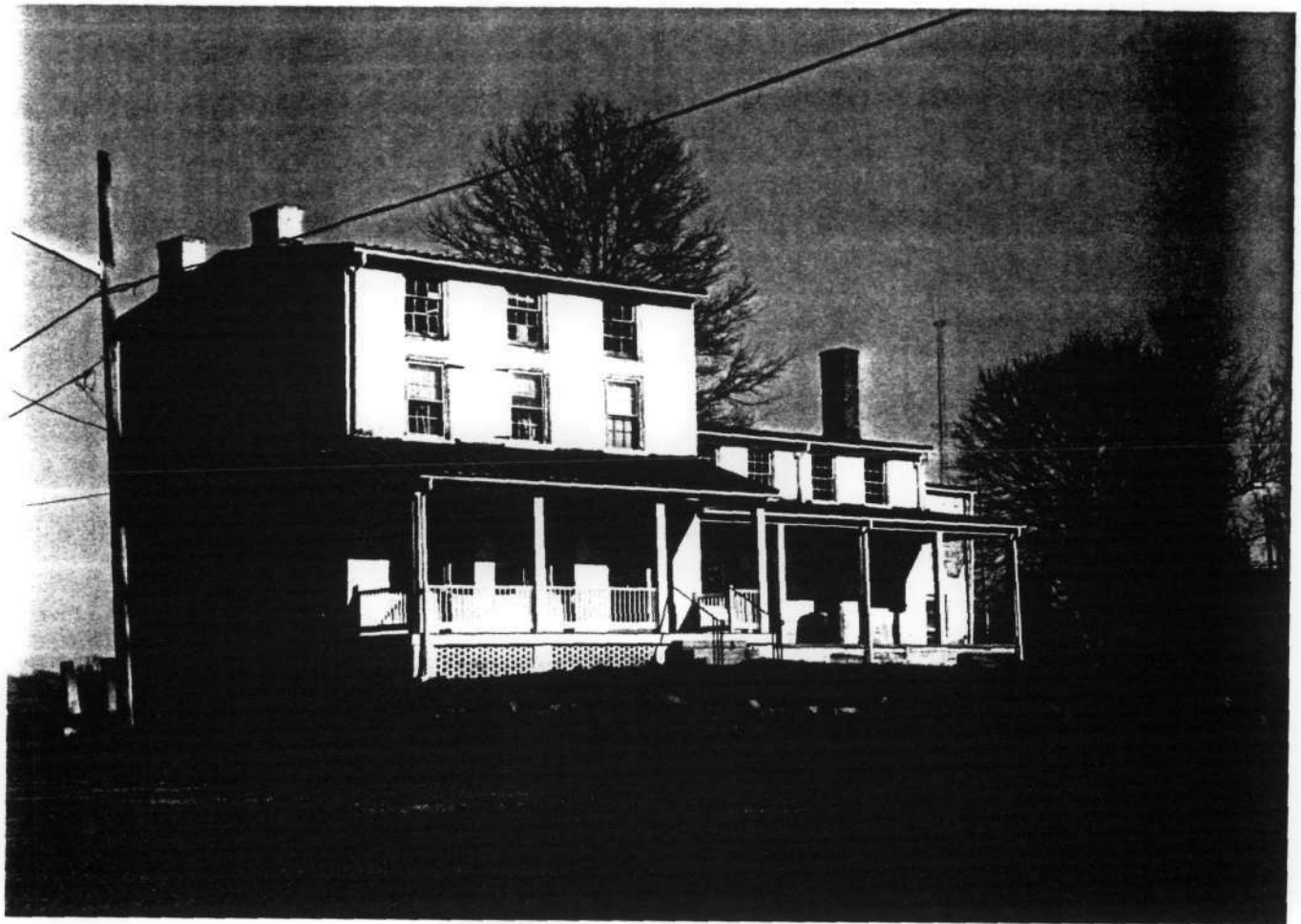
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Oblique view, looking northeast, of the front and side elevations of the house.

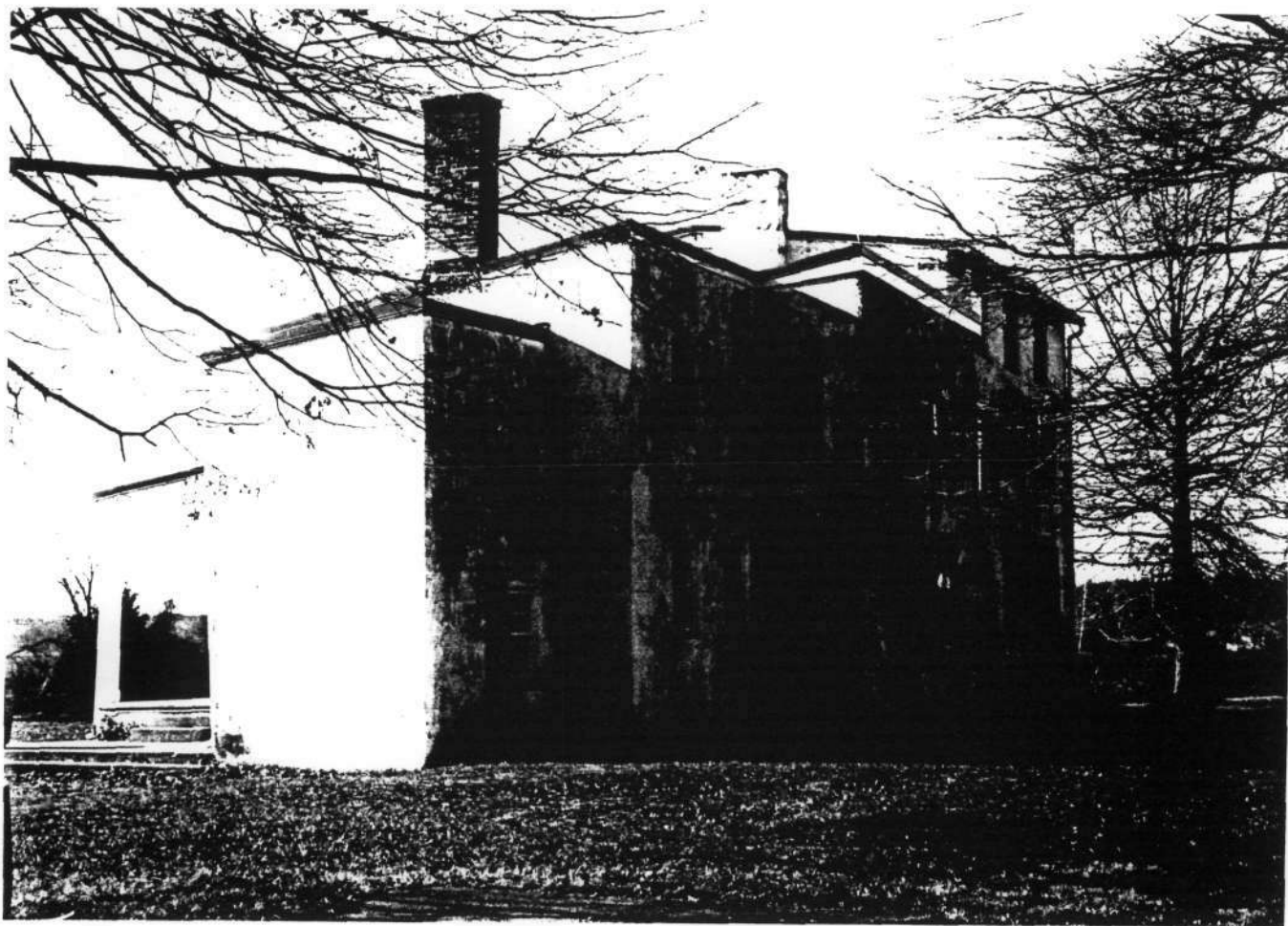
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Oblique view, looking southwest, of the side and rear elevations
of the house.

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View, looking south, of the rear elevation of the house.

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General view of the hollingsworth house, looking southeast.

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View, looking east from behind the house, showing
outbuildings.

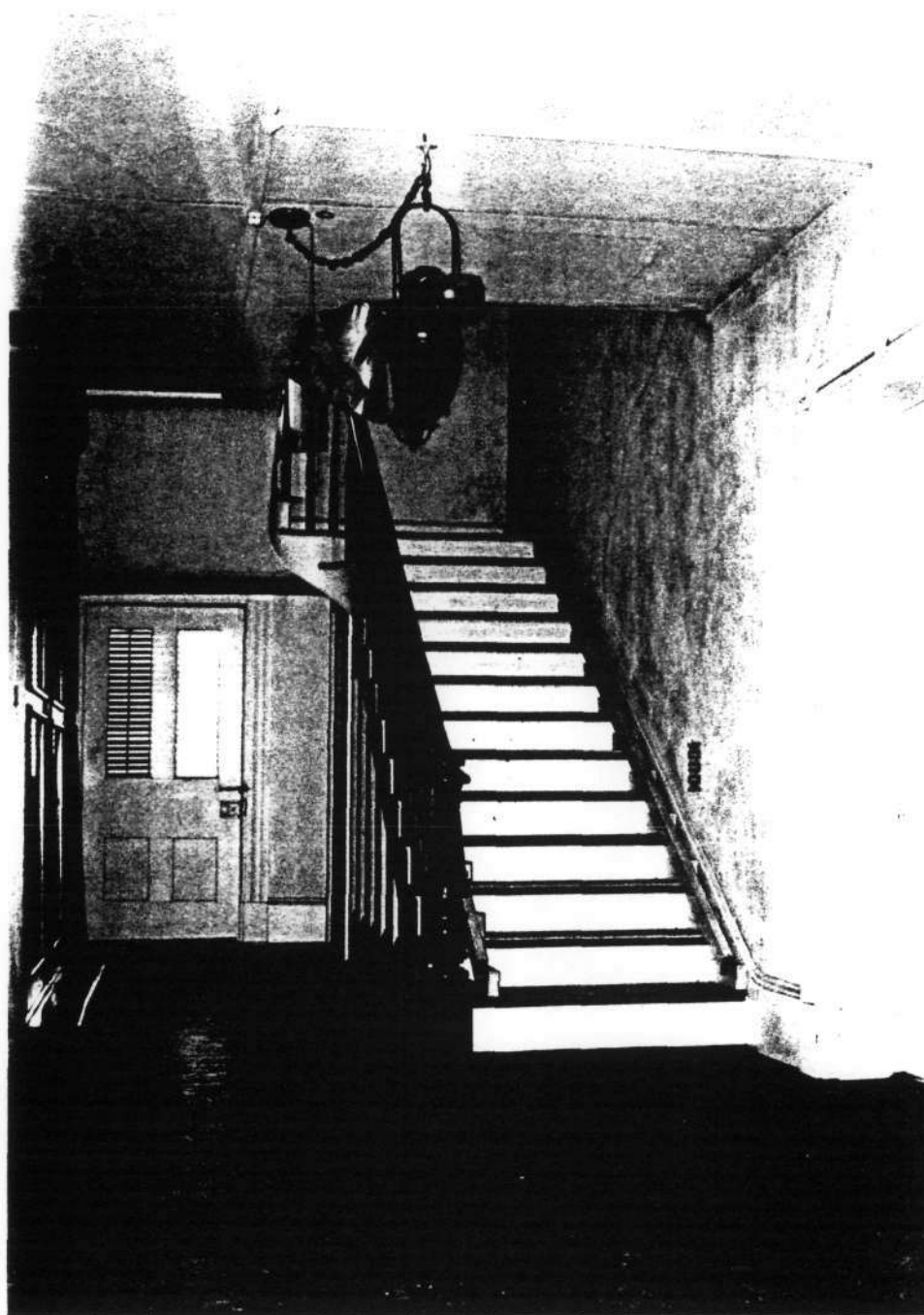
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View of the main stairhall looking up from the first floor.

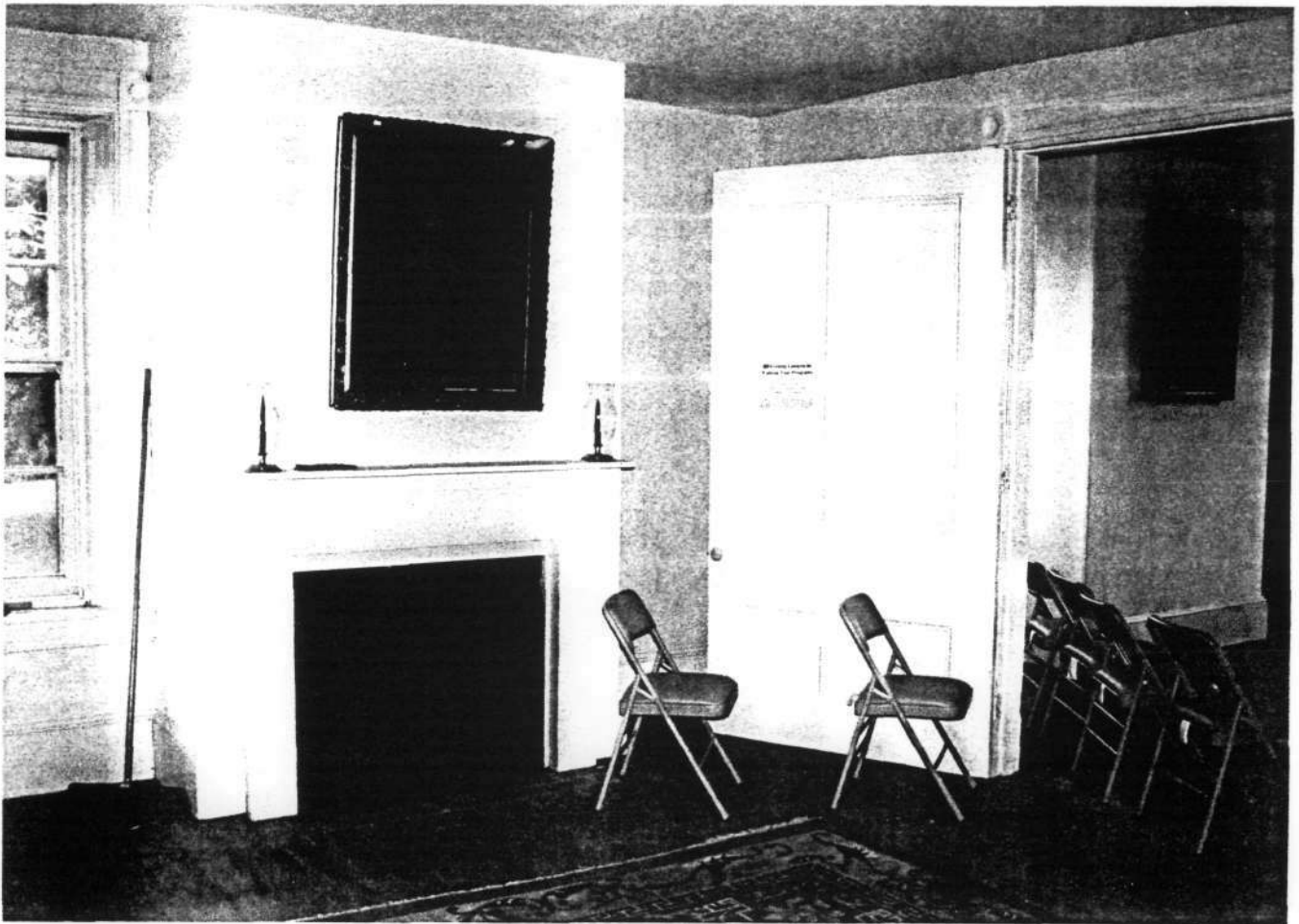
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View of the front parlor

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View of the fireplace in the kitchen



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Heritage Conservation and Recreation Service**

**National Register of Historic Places
Inventory—Nomination Form**

See instructions in *How to Complete National Register Forms*
Type all entries—complete applicable sections

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1. Name

historic Elk Landing

and/or common Elk Landing

2. Location

street & number Landing Lane n/a not for publication

city, town Elkton ☒ vicinity of congressional district First

state Maryland code 24 county Cecil code 015

3. Classification

Category	Ownership	Status	Present Use
<input type="checkbox"/> district	<input type="checkbox"/> public	<input type="checkbox"/> occupied	<input type="checkbox"/> agriculture
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> building(s)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> private	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> unoccupied	<input type="checkbox"/> commercial
<input type="checkbox"/> structure	<input type="checkbox"/> both	<input type="checkbox"/> work in progress	<input type="checkbox"/> educational
<input type="checkbox"/> site	Public Acquisition	Accessible	<input type="checkbox"/> entertainment
<input type="checkbox"/> object	<input type="checkbox"/> in process	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> yes: restricted	<input type="checkbox"/> government
	<input type="checkbox"/> being considered	<input type="checkbox"/> yes: unrestricted	<input type="checkbox"/> industrial
	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> not applicable	<input type="checkbox"/> no	<input type="checkbox"/> military
			<input type="checkbox"/> museum
			<input type="checkbox"/> park
			<input type="checkbox"/> private residence
			<input type="checkbox"/> religious
			<input type="checkbox"/> scientific
			<input type="checkbox"/> transportation
			<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> other: vacant

4. Owner of Property

name See Continuation Sheet No. 1

street & number

city, town _____ vicinity of _____ state

5. Location of Legal Description

courthouse, registry of deeds, etc. Cecil County Courthouse

street & number East Main Street

city, town Elkton state Maryland 21921

6. Representation in Existing Surveys

title Maryland Historical Trust
Historic Sites Inventory

has this property been determined eligible? ☐ yes ☒ no

date 1983 ☐ federal ☒ state ☐ county ☐ local

depository for survey records Maryland Historical Trust, 21 State Circle

city, town Annapolis state Maryland 21401

7. Description

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Condition

☐ excellent
☐ good
☒ fair

☐ deteriorated
☐ ruins
☐ unexposed

Check one

☐ unaltered
☒ altered

Check one

☒ original site
☐ moved date n/a

Describe the present and original (if known) physical appearance**Number of Resources****Contributing**

1
0
0
0
1

Noncontributing

0 buildings
0 sites
0 structures
0 objects
0 Total

Number of previously listed
National Register properties
included in this nomination: 0

Original and historic functions
and uses: residential

DESCRIPTION SUMMARY:

The house at Elk Landing is of stone construction, 2½ stories high above a full basement, three bays wide by two bays deep, with a gable roof, located on the east side of Little Elk Creek near Elkton in Cecil County, Maryland. Sloping topography allows the basement story to be fully exposed on the west elevation, facing the creek; evidence suggests that the building's original orientation was west, toward the water. Both east and west elevations are fenestrated similarly, with an entrance in the central bay (this opening is filled with later stonework on the west) at ground-floor level, with windows in the flanking bays and a window in each bay of the second story. The facades are not rigidly symmetrical, as the central bay is offset slightly to the north. A former basement entrance on the west side has been closed with rubble infill. Surviving original window sash is 6/9 on the ground floor and 6/6 above. A doorway in the east bay of the north gable end formerly led into a log kitchen wing; presumably an earlier independent structure which local tradition identifies as the original residence and trading post of John Hanson Steelman, this log structure was demolished ca. 1905. The interior of the house is arranged in a center-hall plan. Three of the first-floor rooms are heated by corner fireplaces with diagonal hearths; the fireplaces in the two south rooms share a common chimney stack which exits at the ridge of the roof, while that in the northwest room is located in an exterior corner and vented at the eaves. These fireplaces retain paneled overmantels; two interior doors, and chair rail moldings in most of the rooms, may also be original to the house.

For General Description, see Continuation Sheet No. 1

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OWNERS:

John M. Young
9312 Memorial Way
Tampa Florida 33615
Phone: 813-884-9784

Carleton M. Young
902 West Bay Avenue
Lewes, Delaware 19958

GENERAL DESCRIPTION

The stone house at Elk Landing is located in the fork of Big and Little Elk Creeks. It is the last house on Landing Lane, the thoroughfare leading southward from U. S. 40 and serving the Hollingsworth Manor subdivision.

The House is rectangular, two stories in height with an unpartitioned full basement and an unpartitioned full garret. Both finished stories exhibit a central-hall plan, three unequal bays wide and two equal bays deep. The exterior fabric is fieldstone, very roughly quoined but not consistently coursed. The north gable end is covered in stucco of apparent nineteenth century vintage. The gabled roof is supported by massive hewn rafters that are free-standing from plate to ridge.

Badly decayed wooden porches obscure most of the ground floor on the east facade, and on the north end. A doorway in the east bay of the north wall, formerly wider than it is now, led into a separate log structure which was demolished ca. 1905. This structure reputedly was the original dwelling of John Hanson Steelman and later the kitchen for the stone house (which has no cooking hearth built in). Besides the reduction in the size of this doorway, the same wall has another door cut onto the porch from the west bay, probably in this century. The doorway in the center of the east facade may be original, but it is likely that the stairway was on that wall; it is clearly not in its original position. All window locations, and most of their frames, appear to be original, except that the present small window in the center bay of the west wall has been patched into what was originally the lintel of the door fronting on the creek. That doorway has been almost completely filled with later stonework, as has a wide original doorway into the basement in the south bay of the same (west) wall. This feature very probably relates to the lading process, providing direct access into the basement from the creek.

The west wall of the basement has also seen substantial rebuilding in its north bay. The masonry inside the basement at this point does appear to be original; it supports the northwest corner fireplace, and is identical in design with that supporting both ground floor fireplaces in the south wall.

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GENERAL DESCRIPTION (continued)

The most unusual feature that is externally visible is the chimney over the northwest corner near the eaves. Its masonry above the ceiling of the second story, apparently a modern repair, consists of a small, nearly square brick flue, offset several inches to the east before it pierces the roof line. This does not match the stone masonry of the other, larger chimney (and of the rest of the structure).

The structure is devoid of external ornamentation intended as such.

A central hall cuts the floor plan from west to east. Doors open off this hall into two north and two south rooms. Stairs at the northwest corner of the hall turn across what was obviously the original front door.

The northwest room on the ground floor has the most formal paneling over its mantel and was perhaps the "parlor." The two corner fireplaces in the south wall also have paneled overmantels. The only fireplace opening on the second floor is in the southwest corner of the southeast room; it has no woodwork (though the chair rail halts as if it once did) and appears to have been modified slightly to accommodate an iron coal grate (now missing) during the late nineteenth century.

Most of the rooms have chair rails, none of which can with confidence be called original. The extant doors are in the main much later than the structure, although two (from the hall into the southwest and northwest rooms on the second floor) may be original. Their hardware, however, is of the late nineteenth century. The flooring, of unidentified wood, also appears old but not original. Pit-sawn joists are visible through the damaged ceiling of the second story; they are supported by a hewn beam running the length of the house (north and south) and resting on the hall walls.

The interior walls are slightly more than six inches thick, plastered throughout, and appear to be frame construction and original. Exceptions are the west or front wall of the modern bath (at the east end of the upstairs hall); the built-in closet in the southeast corner of the southwest room upstairs; and the present framework of the stairway, which includes a closet under the return course.

The house was occupied by tenants and renters until late in the 1960s, and has had minor alterations for forced-air heating, kitchen and bathroom plumbing, and electrical wiring, none of which was done with either great finesse or savage disregard for the past. During the years since it was vacated, the building's condition has deteriorated.

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GENERAL DESCRIPTION (continued)

The fieldstone fabric is in fair to good condition, needing pointing and restoration but not reconstruction. The roof is virtually nonexistent in a wide patch on the west side, and leaky elsewhere; water damage inside is extensive to all of the plaster and lath, and some of the timbering.

8. Significance

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Period	Areas of Significance—Check and justify below			
<input type="checkbox"/> prehistoric	<input type="checkbox"/> archeology-prehistoric	<input type="checkbox"/> community planning	<input type="checkbox"/> landscape architecture	<input type="checkbox"/> religion
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		<input type="checkbox"/> invention		<input type="checkbox"/> other (specify)

Specific dates c. 1750-1775 Builder/Architect unknown

Statement of Significance (in one paragraph)

Applicable Criteria: A, C

Applicable Exception: n/a

Level of Significance: local

SIGNIFICANCE SUMMARY:

18 The stone house at Elk Landing is significant for its architecture, embodying several features characteristic of 18th century vernacular dwellings in northeastern Maryland and adjacent Pennsylvania. The building's fieldstone construction, approximately symmetrical massing, center-hall plan, and interior detailing are typical of the vernacular architecture of the region in the third quarter of the 19th century. The house incorporates an unusual feature in its northeast corner fireplace, which is located in an exterior corner of the room and vented at the eaves. While corner fireplaces are not uncommon in the vernacular dwellings of the period in northeastern Maryland, they typically take the form of those in the south rooms of this house, which are located back-to-back in interior corners of the rooms they serve and share a common chimney stack that exits at the ridge of the roof. This latter type is fairly common in Quaker-settled areas of Maryland, and has clear antecedents in English building tradition; exterior-corner fireplaces, however, are rare in the state. The property on which the house is located was part of an early settlement of Swedish and Finnish immigrants; local tradition associates the house with John Hanson Steelman, a Swedish-American trader who occupied the site between 1693 and 1710. Although architectural evidence points to a construction date somewhat later than Steelman's occupancy, the tradition that the former log wing (demolished ca. 1905) was Steelman's original trading post may have some validity. In any event, the site of Elk Landing is significant for its association with early Scandinavian settlement in Maryland. In addition, as trade between the Scandinavian settlers and the Susquehanna Indians was carried on at the site from 1654 until the local aboriginal population disappeared (about 1720), archeological investigations might yield significant information about the cultural contact period.

For History and Supporting Documentation see Continuation Sheet No. 4

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HISTORY AND SUPPORT

Although architectural features of the building strongly suggest a date of construction in the third quarter of the 18th century, local tradition holds that the house was the residence of John Hanson Steelman (1655-1749), a prosperous Indian Trader who lived at this site between 1693 and 1710. As "Interpreter in Chief for the Northern Parts of this Province," he hosted major treaty talks in 1698 and 1700 between Maryland commissioners and Indians living near the head of Chesapeake Bay. Steelman provided through loans and gifts about one-half the total cash required for the construction of Holy Trinity (Old Swedes) Church at Wilmington, Delaware during 1698-1699.

Steelman was born in 1655 at the Aronameck plantation on the west bank of the Schuylkill River, part of the colony known as New Sweden which had been established by Swedish immigrants in 1638.

Sometime between 1687 and 1693, John Hanson Steelman moved with his family to the Swedish and Finnish community in the fork of the Elk River in Cecil County, Maryland, known as "Sahakitko" to the Swedes and Finns. He and his son John were naturalized by Maryland in 1695. At Elk Landing, on the southeast 200 acres of a 500-acre tract known as "Successor" facing Little Elk Creek, he established a trading post to trade with the Susquehanna Indians. It is believed that the log structure, razed in 1905, which formerly abutted the stone house, may have been Steelman's original trading post.

After 1700 Steelman acquired other lands in Cecil County. On 18 October 1704, he acquired "Mount Ararat" (150 acres) on the east side of the Susquehanna River between Port Deposit and Perryville; on 13 February 1705, "Barnes Forest" (400 acres) at Octoraro Creek; on 12 September 1705, "Walnut Thicket" (200 acres) east of Conowingo Creek; by 1707 "Long Point" (100 acres) on the northwest side of Elk River; and on 14 April 1711, he obtained a patent for "Steelman's Delight" (200 acres), extending from Principio Creek westward. He established a second trading post at Octoraro Creek, closer to the principal Indian settlements, and by 1710 apparently resided at "Mount Ararat." At the time of his death in 1749, Captain Steelman (then in his 93rd year) was a resident of Lancaster (now Adams) County, Pennsylvania.

The site of Elk Landing at the head of the Elk River is significant for its association with early Swedish and Finnish settlement in Maryland.

Recorded history of this site dates back to 1655 when the Minquas (Susquehanna) Indians presented Governor Rising of New Sweden with "Chakakitque" on the Elk River and other lands in exchange for the promise that the Swedes would establish a

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trading post there. This Indian place-name became etymologized to "Sahakitko" (meaning literally "squeaky saw" in Finnish) among the Swedes and Finns and to "Successor" among the English. Contemporary maps show a Susquehanna Indian settlement at this location in the middle third of the 17th century.

Whether any Swedes or Finns settled at this location as early as 1655 has not been verified. The Swedes issued no patents to their settlers. Later that year, New Sweden was conquered by the Dutch who never laid claim to the lands given the Swedes by the Minquas. The Province of Maryland moved into the vacuum. On 12 August 1672 a patent was issued to William Price for "Price's Venture" on the north side of Elk River with rather uncertain boundaries. On February 8, 1678/9, a patent was issued to John Browning and Richard Nash for a 500-acre tract called "Successor", defined as follows:

"Successor, lying in a fork of Elk River in Cecil County beginning at a marked red oak standing on the southernmost point of said fork and from thence bounded on the Southeast with the main northeast branch of the river by a line drawn East by North one hundred and fifty perches to a marked oak standing on the river's side and from thence bounded on the northeast by a line drawn northwest six hundred and forty perches and from the end of the northwest line by a line drawn west by south one hundred and fifty perches til it intersects his Lopps (Lordship's) manor and from thence to the first bounded red oak, laid out for five hundred acres more or less."

Finally, on 21 April 1681, a further patent was issued to Nicholas Painter for a 1400-acre tract called "Friendship" on the west side of the Northeast branch of the Elk River, adjoining "Successor" at a place called "Ye Sweeds Towne."

Whether any of these patentees ever lived in the Elkton area is uncertain. The first evidence of residence is entirely Swedish and Finnish. Painter conveyed his tract "Friendship" to George Talbot who, in December 1683, agreed with three squatters on the land - Simon Johnson, Benjamin Paulson and Peter Olofson (Slubey) - to give each of them 50 acres if they built a mill on other land Talbot owned, which apparently they did. When George Talbot, in 1687, sold part of "Friendship" to Philip Lynes, the deed contained a covenant that nothing in the transfer should deprive Simon Johnson, Benjamin Paulson or Peter Olofson (son of Olof Slubey) of their respective 50 acres.

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HISTORY AND SUPPORT (continued)

Meanwhile, prior to 1700, the 500-acre tract "Successor" fronting on Little Elk Creek had passed to four other Swedes and Finns. The northernmost 100 acres was owned by Simon Johnson Jr.; the next 100-acre tract by Mathias Mathiason alias Freeman; the next 100-acre tract by Clement Clementson and the southernmost tract of 200 acres by John Hanson Steelman. All except Steelman were Finns or of Finnish extraction. Simon Johnson, Sr. had arrived in New Sweden in the 1650's, as had Olof (William) Slubey. The others, like John Hanson Steelman, were sons of original settlers of New Sweden.

Deeds are wanting as to when and how these Finns and Swedes acquired their lands in the fork of the Elk. Subsequent deeds, however, contain scattered references that fill in some gaps. Thus, a 1715 deed reports the fact that the 100 acres owned by Mathias Mathiason alias Freeman at the time of his death in 1702 had been purchased from Andrew Paulson (also a Finn) on 7 July 1690.

With the influx of English settlers after 1700, the Swedish and Finnish residents gradually sold out or otherwise lost their lands. Most of the settlement called "Sahakitko" by the Swedes and Finns was absorbed into the Elk Landing plantation started by Henry Hollingsworth in 1711 and expanded by his son Zebulon Hollingsworth in 1727 and 1735.

Finally, as the site was a trading point from 1654 until the local aboriginal population disappeared (about 1720), archeological investigations might yield significant information about the cultural contact period.

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10. Geographical Data

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Verbal boundary description and justification

Boundaries are depicted on the attached sketch map; the nominated property includes the stone house within its immediate setting.

List all states and counties for properties overlapping state or county boundaries

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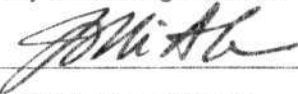
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The evaluated significance of this property within the state is:

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As the designated State Historic Preservation Officer for the National Historic Preservation Act of 1966 (Public Law 89-665), I hereby nominate this property for inclusion in the National Register and certify that it has been evaluated according to the criteria and procedures set forth by the Heritage Conservation and Recreation Service.

State Historic Preservation Officer signature

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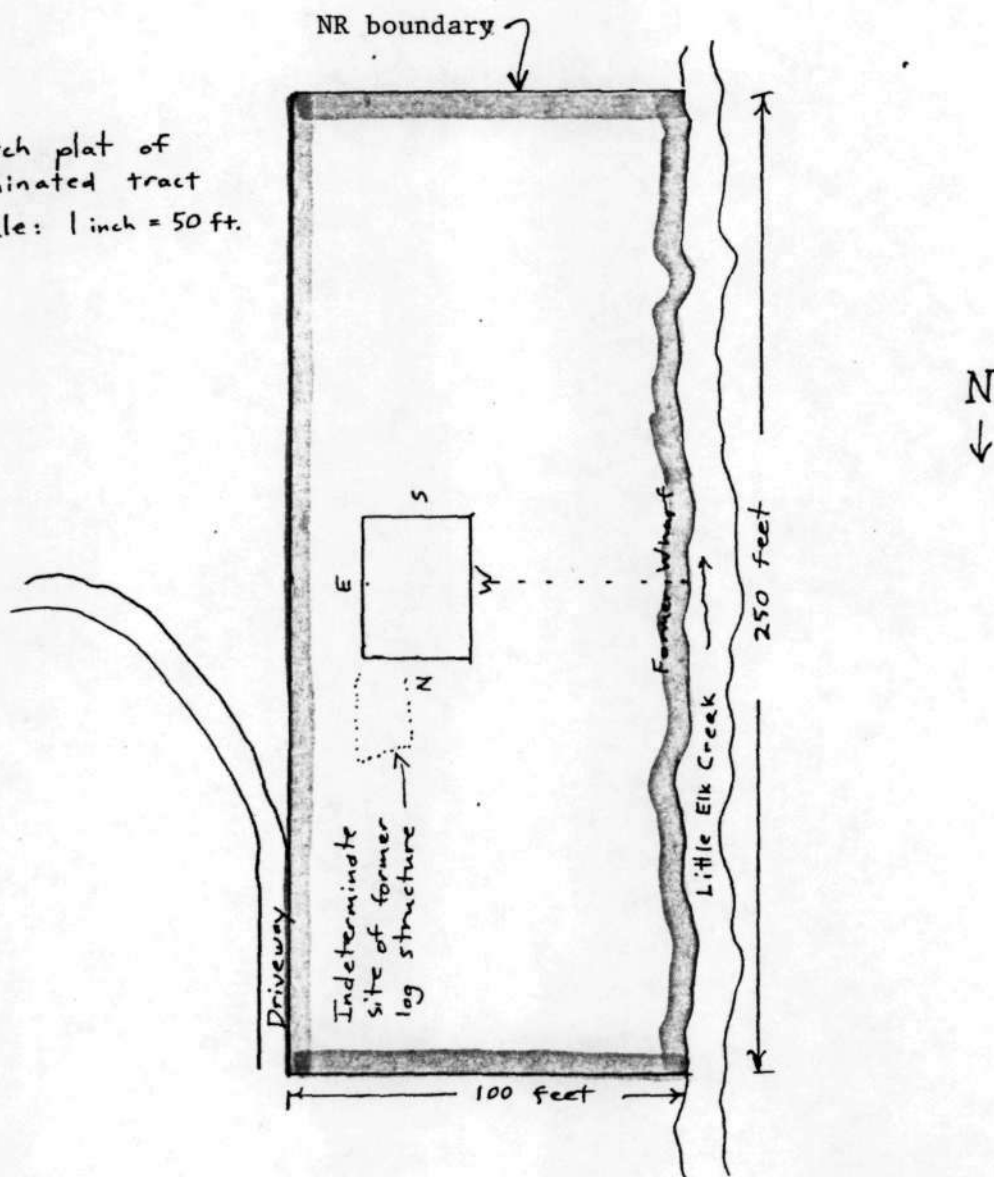
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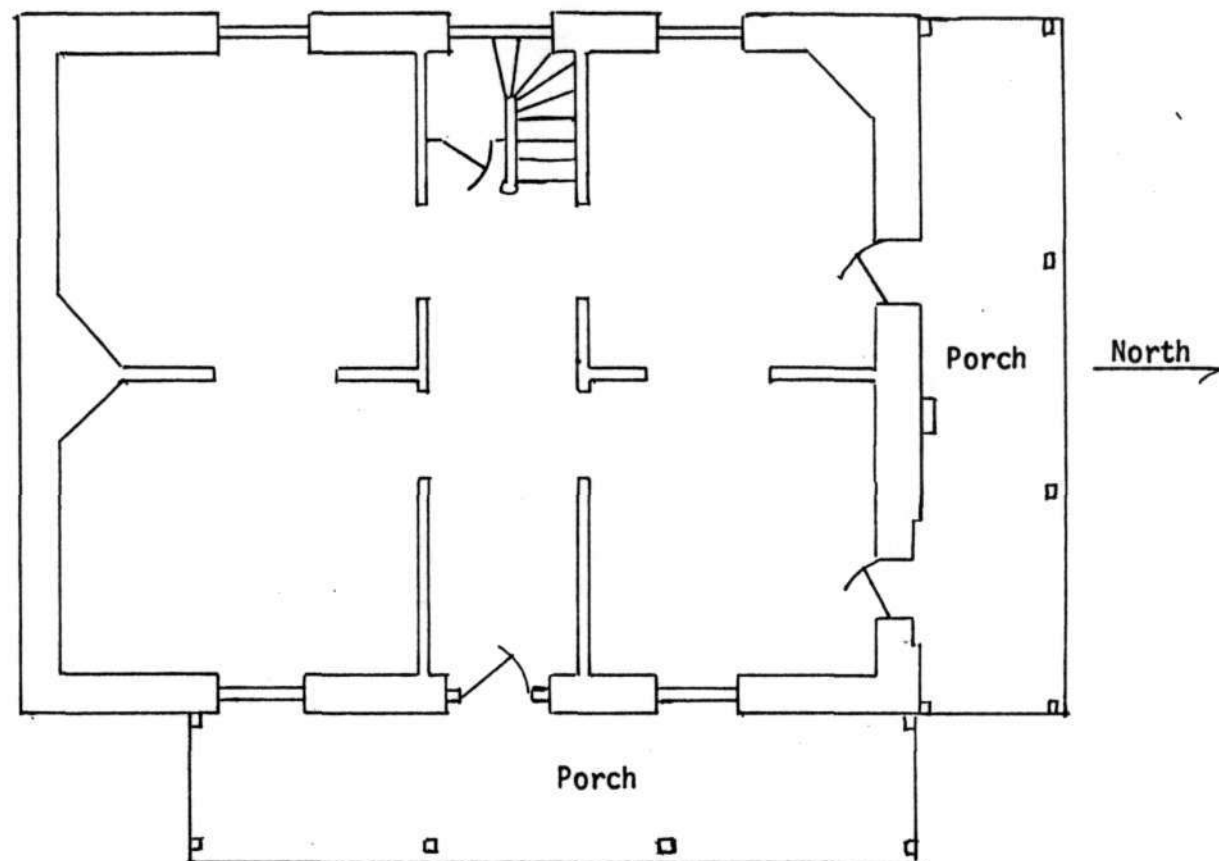
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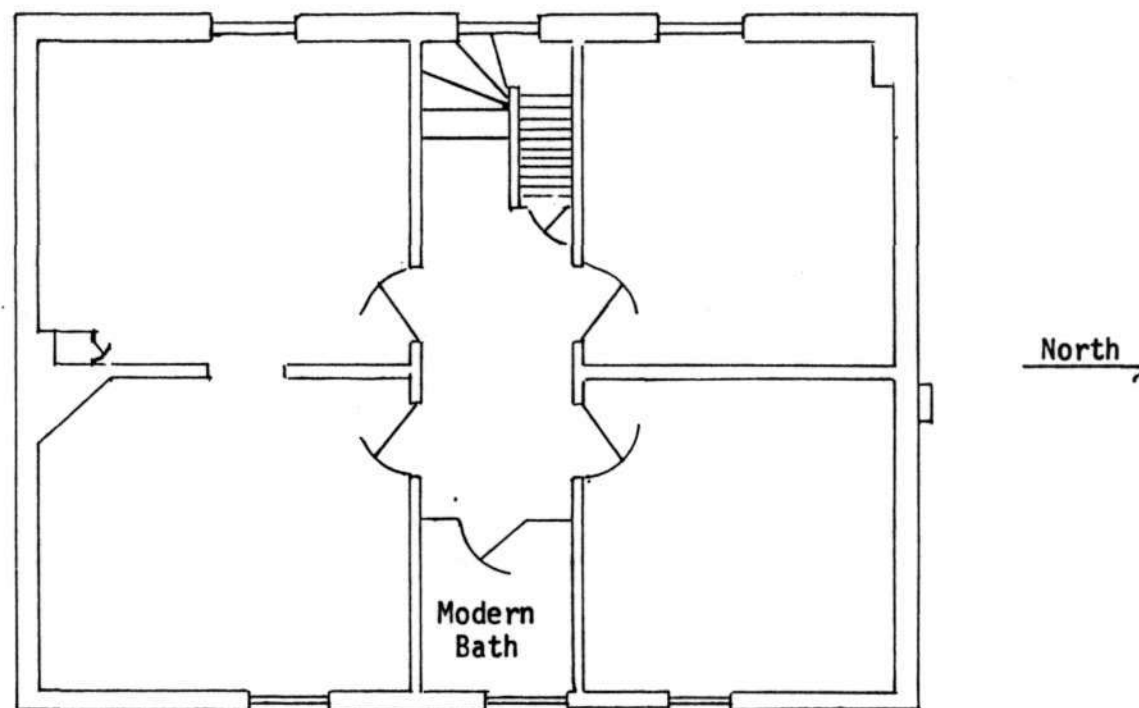
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JOHN HANSON STEELMAN HOUSE, Cecil County, Maryland

2nd floor plan



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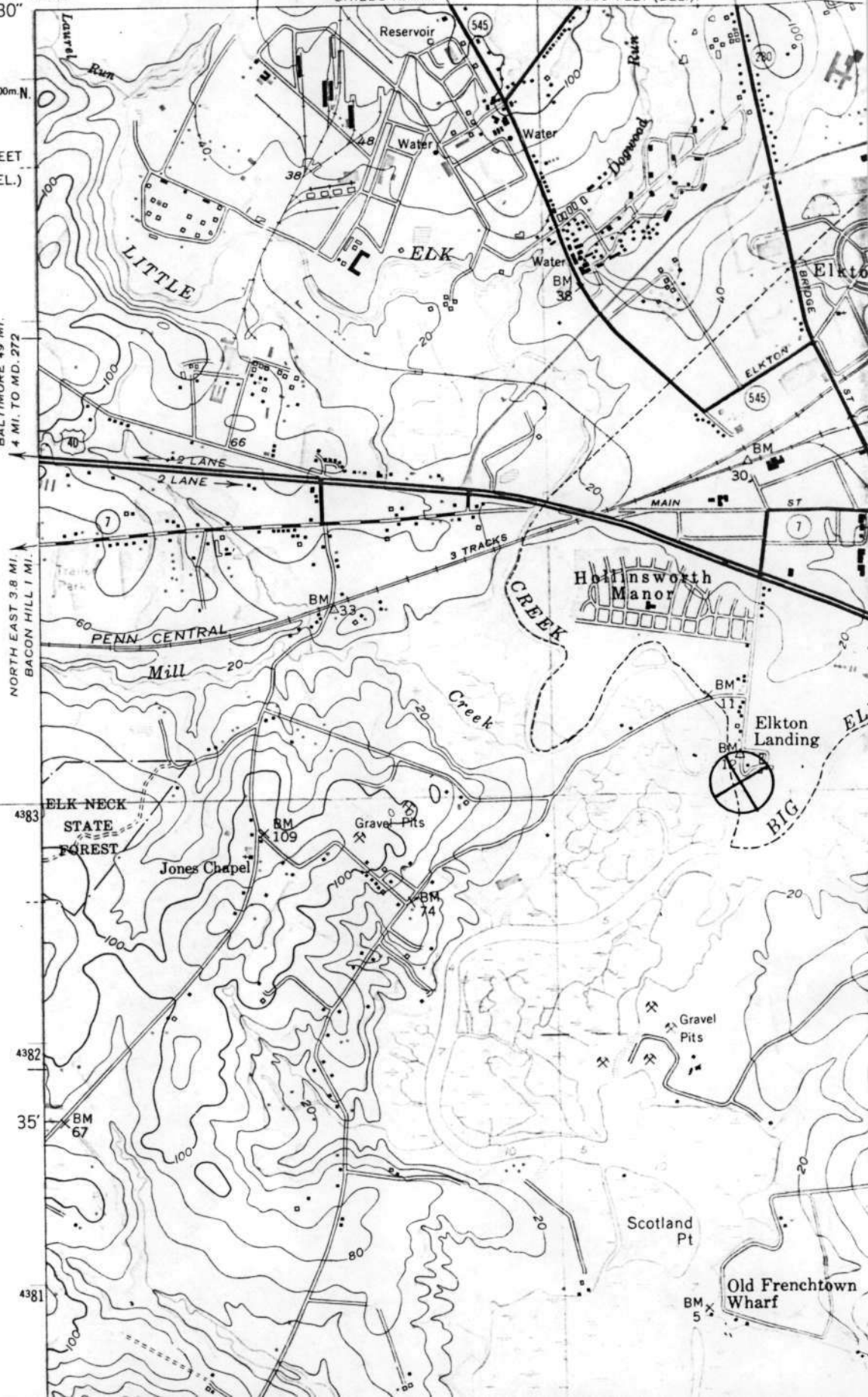
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Maryland Historical Trust
State Historic Sites Inventory Form

Survey No. CE - 132

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1. Name

(indicate preferred name)

historic John Hanson Steelman House (preferred)

and/or common Elk Landing (name includes more than the nominated area)

2. Location

street & number South end of Landing Lane not for publication

city, town Elkton vicinity of congressional district 1st

state Maryland county Cecil

3. Classification

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4. Owner of Property (give names and mailing addresses of all owners)

name John M. Young [n.b. -- co-owner on continuation sheet]

street & number 9312 Memorial Hwy telephone no.: (813) 884-9784

city, town Tampa state and zip code Florida 33615

5. Location of Legal Description

courthouse, registry of deeds, etc. Cecil County Courthouse, Deeds Registry liber Deeds #5

street & number E. Main St. folio 179-180

city, town Elkton state Maryland

6. Representation in Existing Historical Surveys

title HABS Inventory #CE-132

date 4/16/68 federal ☒ state ☐ county ☐ local ☐

depository for survey records Maryland Historical Trust

city, town Annapolis state Maryland

7. Description

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Condition

☐ excellent
☐ good
☐ fair

☒ deteriorated
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☒ original site
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Prepare both a summary paragraph and a general description of the resource and its various elements as it exists today.

Summary Description

The house is two stories and a half on the east side, which has been its front at least since the late nineteenth century. It is a story taller on the side that was originally the front (west), facing the creek, as its basement wall is fully above ground level (but, as always, subject to occasional flooding) on that side. The field-stone fabric is in fair to good condition, needing pointing and restoration but not reconstruction. The roof is virtually nonexistent in a wide patch on the west side, and leaky elsewhere; water damage inside is extensive and probably irreparable to all of the plaster and lath, and some of the timbering. The structural element that relates it most specifically to the Swedish settlement of which it was the centerpiece is a "Swedish chimney" at the northwest corner, also in bad repair. The deteriorated and unsafe porches along the east and north walls should be removed. The site is unusually free from distractions at the present, being in the bend of a creek surrounded by a large farm that is inside the corporate limits of Elkton.

General Description

The John Hanson Steelman House is located in the fork of Big and Little Elk Creeks. It is the last house on Landing Lane, the thoroughfare leading southward from U.S. 40 and serving the Hollingsworth Manor subdivision.

The house is rectangular, two stories in height with an unpartitioned full basement and an unpartitioned full garret. Both finished stories exhibit a central-hall plan, three unequal bays wide and two equal bays deep. The exterior fabric is field-stone, very roughly quoined but not consistently coursed. The north gable end is covered in stucco of apparent nineteenth century vintage. The gabled roof is supported by massive hewn rafters that are free-standing from plate to ridge.

Badly decayed wooden porches obscure most of the ground floor on the east facade, and on the north end. A doorway in the east bay of the north wall, formerly wider than it is now, led into a separate log structure estimated at about 16 feet deep (east to west) and twenty feet wide, the original dwelling of John Hanson Steelman and later the kitchen for the stone house (which has no cooking hearth built in). Besides the reduction in the size of this doorway, the same wall has another door cut onto the porch from the west bay, probably in this century. The doorway in the center of the east facade may be original, but it is likely that the stairway was on that wall; it is clearly not in its original position. All window locations, and most of their frames, appear to be original, except that the present small window in the center bay of the west wall has been patched into what was originally the lintel of the door fronting on the creek. That doorway has been almost completely filled with later stonework, as has a wide original doorway into the basement in the south bay of the same (west) wall. [This feature very probably relates to the lading process. In Philadelphia the 1685 "Mount Wharf" house of Robert Turner was built with a deep cellar (near the river level) having direct and level access through a short tunnel to Turner's private wharf.]

The west wall of the basement has also seen substantial rebuilding in its north bay, perhaps to repair flood damage or to close another doorway whose outlines are not now apparent. The northwest corner is not perceptibly quoined in its lower level, and originally have been underground. The masonry inside the basement at this point does appear to be original; it supports the northwest corner fireplace, and is identical

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8. Significance

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Prepare both a summary paragraph of significance and a general statement of history and support.

Significance

John Hanson Steelman (1655-1749) was a prosperous Indian trader who lived at this site between 1693 and 1710 or a bit later. As "Interpreter in Chief for the Northern Parts of this Province," he hosted major treaty talks in 1698 and 1700 between Maryland commissioners and Indians living near the head of Chesapeake Bay. Steelman provided through loans and gifts about one-half the total cash required for the construction of Holy Trinity (Old Swedes) Church at Wilmington, Delaware during 1698-99. His stone house in Elkton, like most of the Swedish and Finnish dwellings in the Delaware Valley, incorporates a characteristic "Swedish chimney" (whereby a corner fireplace, partly masoned into a wall of the facade, is vented at the line of the eaves rather than at the peak of the roof). Because the site of this house was a trading point from 1654 until the local aboriginal population disappeared (about 1720), archeological investigation might yield an unusually rich record of the cultural contact period.

The above quotation (Steelman's title) is from a letter of commissioner John Thompson recorded in the Proceedings of the Council of Maryland (L. X, f. 194) and dated June 2, 1698.

The History and Support material was prepared by Peter S. Craig and is attached on separate sheets.

9. Major Bibliographical References

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10. Geographical Data

Acreage of nominated property 3/4 acreQuadrangle name ElktonQuadrangle scale 1:24 000

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Verbal boundary description and justification. Nominated property includes the John Hanson Steelman stone house and a rectangular tract from the west edge of the present driveway to Little Elk Creek, having 250 feet frontage along the creek centered on the stone house and about 100 feet depth (east to west) from creek to driveway.

List all states and counties for properties overlapping state or county boundaries

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Elk Landing
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4. Owner of Property

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Tampa, Florida 33615

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Mr. Carleton M. Young
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Lewes, Delaware 19958

(302) 856-7079

Mr. Wm. Wilson Bratton
Attorney for John and Carleton Young
118 North Street
Elkton, Maryland 21921

(301) 398-4545

(N.B. - Mr. Bratton is not a co-owner, but is the only person in Elkton with a key to the house and with authority to allow anyone onto the premises, which are guarded.)

Continuation
5. Legal Description

As a point of information it is here noted that this property has been in the Hollingsworth family continuously since 1735; therefore the cited deed is of that date. John M. Young and his son Carleton, like all the other Hollingsworth owners, inherited the Elk Landing farm. Isabel Hollingsworth Mackall Young left it to her son and grandson.

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7. General Description

in design with that supporting both ground floor fireplaces in the south wall.

The most unusual feature that is externally visible is the "Swedish chimney" over the northwest corner near the eaves. Its masonry above the ceiling of the second story, apparently a modern repair, consists of a small, nearly square brick flue, offset several inches to the east before it pierces the roof line. This does not match the stone masonry of the other, larger chimney (and of the rest of the structure). However, its position and its height above the roof are comparable to those of the corner chimneys of several contemporary Scandinavian houses in the Delaware Valley. These include the Upper and Lower Swedish (log) Cabins on Darby Creek, the Mounce Jones (stone) house at Douglassville, and the Hopewell Furnace (brick) office near Birdsboro, all in Pennsylvania.

The structure is devoid of external ornamentation intended as such.

A central hall cuts the floor plan from west to east. Doors open off this hall into two north and two south rooms. Stairs at the northwest corner of the hall turn across what was obviously the original front door; the location of the original stairway could perhaps be determined from marks under the present layers of paint on the plastered walls.

The northwest room on the ground floor has the most formal paneling over its mantel and was perhaps the "parlor." This and the paneling over the two corner fireplaces in the south wall (all now painted in solid colors) should be examined with great care for possible overmantel paintings on the wood. The only fireplace opening on the second floor is in the southwest corner of the southeast room; it has no woodwork (though the chair rail halts as if it once did) and appears to have been modified slightly to accommodate an iron coal grate (now missing) during the late nineteenth century.

Most of the rooms have chair rails, none of which can with confidence be called original. The extant doors are in the main much later than the structure, although two (from the hall into the southwest and northwest rooms on the second floor) may be original. Their hardware, however, is of the late nineteenth century. The flooring, of unidentified wood, also appears old but not original. Pit-sawn joists are visible through the damaged ceiling of the second story; they are supported by a hewn beam running the length of the house (north to south) and resting on the hall walls.

The interior walls are slightly more than six inches thick, plastered throughout, and appear to be frame construction and original. Exceptions are the west or front wall of the modern bath (at the east end of the upstairs hall); the built-in closet in the southeast corner of the southwest room upstairs; and the present framework of the stairway, which includes a closet under the return course. Some of the internal door openings may be new, relocated, enlarged, or closed since the house was built; that evidence is under paint and plaster.

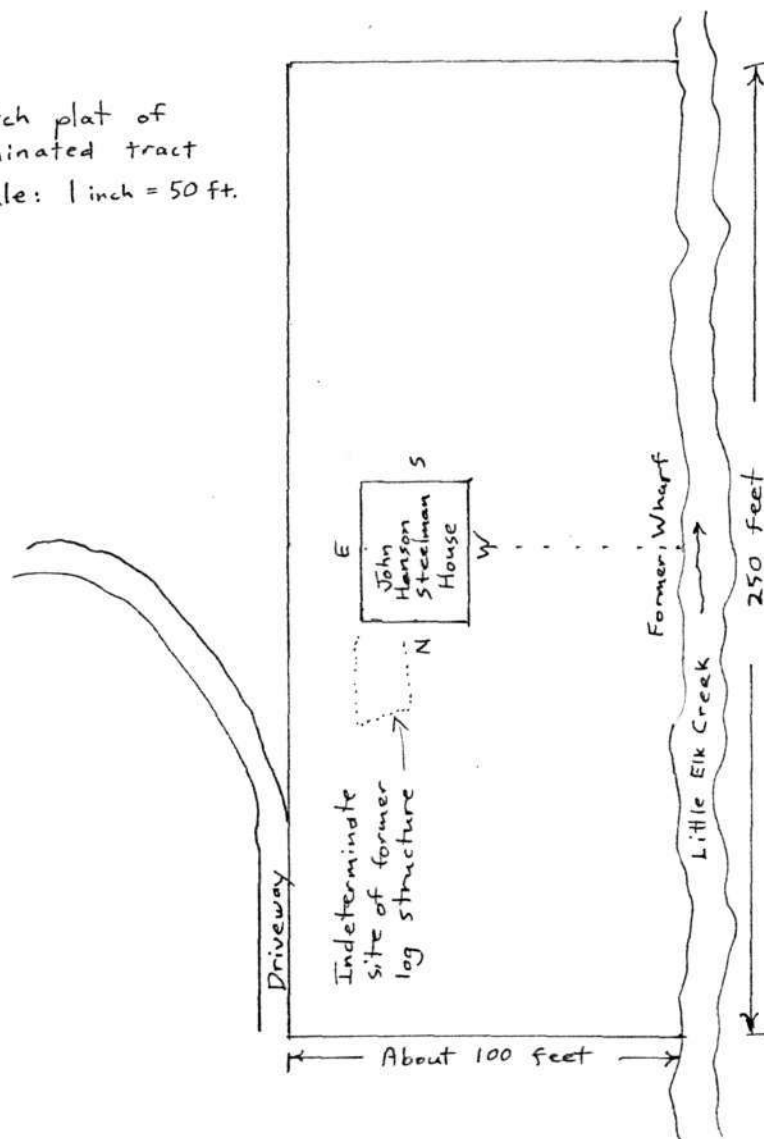
The house was occupied by tenants and renters until late in the 1960s, and has had minor alterations for forced-air heating, kitchen and bathroom plumbing, and electrical wiring, none of which was done with either great finesse or savage disregard for the past.

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Continuation
7. Description:
Boundary justification

The east boundary is put at the common driveway that now serves the nominated property and the mid-nineteenth century Hollingsworth farm house (built on the masonry of a 1735 house that burned in 1848). That house is an income producing property and the owners do not want it included in the nomination. The west boundary is the creek, historically the "road" to the house when it was new. The land between house and creek, where goods were carried back and forth from the wharf, is potentially an archeological field. The ten yards or more to the north of the house include the known site of an original log structure that was razed in about 1905; this, too, is an archeological site. The rest of the land to north and south is nominated to protect against too near encroachment by tract housing, sewage treatment plants or whatever the future holds. The past has been kind to the site.

Sketch plat of
nominated tract
Scale: 1 inch = 50 ft.



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Continuation
8. Significance

History and Support

Known for the first 36 years of his life as John Hansson (meaning he was John, the son of Hans) or "John Hans" for short, Steelman was born in the last year of New Sweden (1655) at the Aronameck plantation on the west bank of the Schuylkill River. His parents, Hans Månsson and Ella Olofsdotter Stille, had arrived in New Sweden on the Charitas in 1641. His mother had been widowed in July 1654 when her first husband, Peter Jochimson, died in New Amsterdam while on a diplomatic mission for Governor Rising.

Sometime prior to 1680, John Hans married Mary Stalcop, daughter of John Anderson Stalcop, a Swede of New Castle County. They lived initially in Burlington County, West Jersey, moving by 1687 to a tract on the east side of Red Clay Creek, New Castle County. After the death of his father around 1691, John Hans, his brothers and their mother adopted the surname "Stelman," derived from the surname of John Hans' maternal grandfather, Olof Stille.

Sometime between 1687 and 1693, John Hanson Steelman moved with his family to the Swedish and Finnish community in the fork of the Elk River in Cecil County, Maryland, known as "Sahakitko" to the Swedes and Finns. He and his son John were naturalized by Maryland in 1695. At Elk Landing, on the southeast 200 acres of a 500-acre tract known as "Successor" facing Little Elk Creek,

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8. Significance (p.2)

Steeleman built a log structure which served as his trading post (razed about 1905) and nearby built the two-story field stone house with gabled roof that still stands at this location.

That John Hanson Steelman had a house at this location as early as 1697 is confirmed by contemporary records. That the stone house there today is the same house as stood there in 1697 has not yet been definitely proved. Archeological excavations of the earthen basement floor have been recommended to verify its indicated construction in the 1690s. Given Steelman's wealth and the fact that his house provided overnight accommodations for groups of four or more visiting dignitaries on several occasions between 1697 and 1700, it seems likely that the stone house had been built at this location prior to that time.

To the eye, the John Hanson Steelman house is more primitive than its look-alike, the Mountz Jones house (built in 1716) at Douglassville, Berks County, Pennsylvania. That the Mountz Jones house seems to be built from the same ground plan as the John Hanson Steelman house may be more than coincidental. Mountz Jones (1663-1728) was the brother-in-law of Peter Peterson Yocum (1653-1702), Steelman's half-brother, and the three of them were well acquainted.

The John Hanson Steelman house is a prime candidate for restoration to its original appearance. The thick exterior walls, similar in construction to the walls of Old Swedes Church in Wilmington (built in 1698) are in sound condition and the interior corner fire-

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8. Significance (p.3)

places are of classic Swedish colonial design. More recent exterior additions (a chimney and two deteriorating wooden porches) should be removed and the original main entrance (on the west side facing Little Elk Creek) should be reopened. Rather substantial restoration work would be required for the interior which has seen substantial modifications through the years and is now in deteriorating condition.

The site of the John Hanson Steelman house has been unspoiled and probably looks much the same today as it did in the 1690s when Steelman first moved onto his 200-acre tract at "Successor." Nearby, to the northeast of the John Hanson Steelman house stands an 18th century house (substantially modified after a fire in the 19th century) built by Zebulon Hollingsworth who in 1735 acquired Steelman's former property. According to Hollingsworth descendants, the Steelman house was standing on the property at that time. The property has remained in the ownership of Hollingsworth descendants ever since 1735. After construction of the Hollingsworth house (now occupied by an overseer of the property), the Steelman house was used as an inn. Later it was used as a private residence. Since 1968 it has been vacant.

Recorded history of this site dates back to 1655 when the Minquas (Susquehanna) Indians presented Governor Rising of New Sweden with "Chakakitque" on the Elk River and other lands in

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exchange for the promise that the Swedes would establish a trading post there. This Indian place-name became etymologized to "Sahakitko" (meaning literally "squeaky saw" in Finnish) among the Swedes and Finns and to "Successor" among the English. Contemporary maps show a Susquehanna Indian settlement at this location in the middle third of the 17th century.

Whether any Swedes or Finns settled at this location as early as 1655 has not been verified. The Swedes issued no patents to their settlers. Later that year, New Sweden was conquered by the Dutch who never laid claim to the lands given the Swedes by the Minquas. The Province of Maryland moved into the vacuum. On 12 August 1672 a patent was issued to William Price for "Price's Venture" on the north side of Elk River with rather uncertain boundaries. On February 8, 1678/9, a patent was issued to John Browning and Richard Nash for a 500-acre tract called "Successor", defined as follows:

"Successor, lying in a fork of Elk River in Cecil County beginning at a marked red oak standing on the southernmost point of said fork and from thence bounded on the Southeast with the main northeast branch of the river by a line drawn East by North one hundred and fifty perches to a marked oak standing on the river's side and from thence bounded on the northeast by a line drawn northwest six hundred and forty perches and from the end of the northwest line by a line drawn west by south one hundred and fifty perches till it intersects his Lopps [Lordship's] manor and from thence to the first bounded red oak, laid out for five hundred acres more or less."

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Finally on 21 April 1681 a further patent was issued to Nicholas Painter for a 1400-acre tract called "Friendship" on the west side of the Northeast branch of the Elk River, adjoining "Successor" at a place called "Ye Sweeds Towne."

Whether any of these patentees ever lived in the Elkton area is uncertain. The first evidence of residence is entirely Swedish and Finnish. Painter conveyed his tract "Friendship" to George Talbot who in December 1683 agreed with three squatters on the land -- Simon Johnson, Benjamin Paulson and Peter Olofson (Slubey) -- to give each of them 50 acres if they built a mill on other land Talbot owned, which apparently they did. When George Talbot in 1687 sold part of "Friendship" to Philip Lynes, the deed contained a covenant that nothing in the transfer should deprive Simon Johnson, Benjamin Paulson or Peter Olofson (son of Olof Slubey) of their respective 50 acres.

Meanwhile, prior to 1700, the 500-acre tract "Successor" fronting on Little Elk Creek had passed to four other Swedes and Finns. The northern-most 100 acres was owned by Simon Johnson Jr.; the next 100-acre tract by Mathias Mathiason alias Freeman; the next 100-acre tract by Clement Clementson and the southern-most tract of 200 acres by John Hanson Steelman. All except Steelman were Finns or of Finnish extraction. Simon Johnson Sr. had arrived in New Sweden in the 1650's, as had Olof (William) Slubey. The others, like John Hanson Steelman, were sons of original settlers of New Sweden.

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Deeds are wanting as to when and how these Finns and Swedes acquired their lands in the fork of the Elk. Subsequent deeds, however, contain scattered references that fill in some gaps. Thus a 1715 deed reports the fact that the 100 acres owned by Mathias Mathiason alias Freeman at the time of his death in 1702 had been purchased from Andrew Paulson (also a Finn) on 7 July 1690.

With the influx of English settlers after 1700, the Swedish and Finnish residents gradually sold out or otherwise lost their lands. Most of the settlement called "Sahakitko" by the Swedes and Finns was absorbed into the Elk Landing plantation started by Henry Hollingsworth and expanded by his son Zebulon Hollingsworth.

On 7 May 1711, Henry Hollingsworth of Chester County, Pennsylvania, surveyor, purchased a 50-acre portion of "Friendship" from William Slubey of New Castle (apparently the brother of Peter Olofson), this being one of the three 50-acre parcels that Talbot had reserved for the three Finns lying adjacent to "Successor." On 8 December 1715, Hollingsworth acquired 15 acres of "Successor" from Gabriel Clementson, son of Clement Clementson. On 24 January 1720/1, he acquired Clementson's remaining 85 acres. The deed described Clementson's land as then being bounded on the southeast by "John Hansteelman's plantation."

After Henry Hollingsworth's death, his son Zebulon expanded these holdings, acquiring on 31 January 1727 Benjamin Paulson's share of the three Finns' tract (claimed by Paulson to be 100 acres -- his fifty plus Peter Olofson Slubey's fifty). The circumstances by which John Hanson Steelman's 200 acres passed to the Hollingsworth family

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are not clear. It appears, however, that an astute court clerk named John Campbell discovered that about 75 acres of Steelman's tract, including the land occupied by the house, was also included within the earlier patent for "Price's Venture." Campbell purchased these 75 acres and resold them to Zebulon Hollingsworth on 20 November 1735. The deed conveyed:

"all that part of one moiety or half part of a tract of land called Price's Venture which lyeth on the north side of Elk River and in a Fork of the same River containing by estimation seventy-five acres of land or thereabouts, it being the northernmost part or end of the one moiety or half part of the same land called Price's Venture which by sundry mesne conveyances and mutations of possession became the estate of the same John Campbell which moiety by the long possession thereof and other circumstances and agreements made time out of mind hath always been deemed to be the eastermost [sic] moiety of the same tract of land called Price's Venture," etc.

As the patent for "Price's Venture" was older than the patent for "Successor", it would have prevailed in any dispute over title to John Hanson Steelman's property at Elk Landing.

After 1700 Steelman acquired other lands in Cecil County. On 18 October 1704, he acquired "Mount Ararat" (150 acres) on the east side of the Susquehannah River between Port Deposit and Perryville; on 13 February 1705, "Barnes Forest" (400 acres) at Octoraro Creek; on 12 September 1705, "Walnut Thicket" (200 acres) east of Conowingo Creek; by 1707 "Long Point" (100 acres) on the northwest side of Elk River; and on 14 April 1711, he obtained a patent for "Steelman's Delight" (200 acres), extending from Principio Creek

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westward. He established a second trading post at Octoraro Creek, closer to the principal Indian settlements, and by 1710 apparently resided at "Mount Ararat." Presumably his "Successor" plantation at Elk Landing was then occupied by one of his children or was being rented out. At the time of his death in 1749, Captain Steelman (then in his 93rd year) was a resident of Lancaster (now Adams) County, Pennsylvania.

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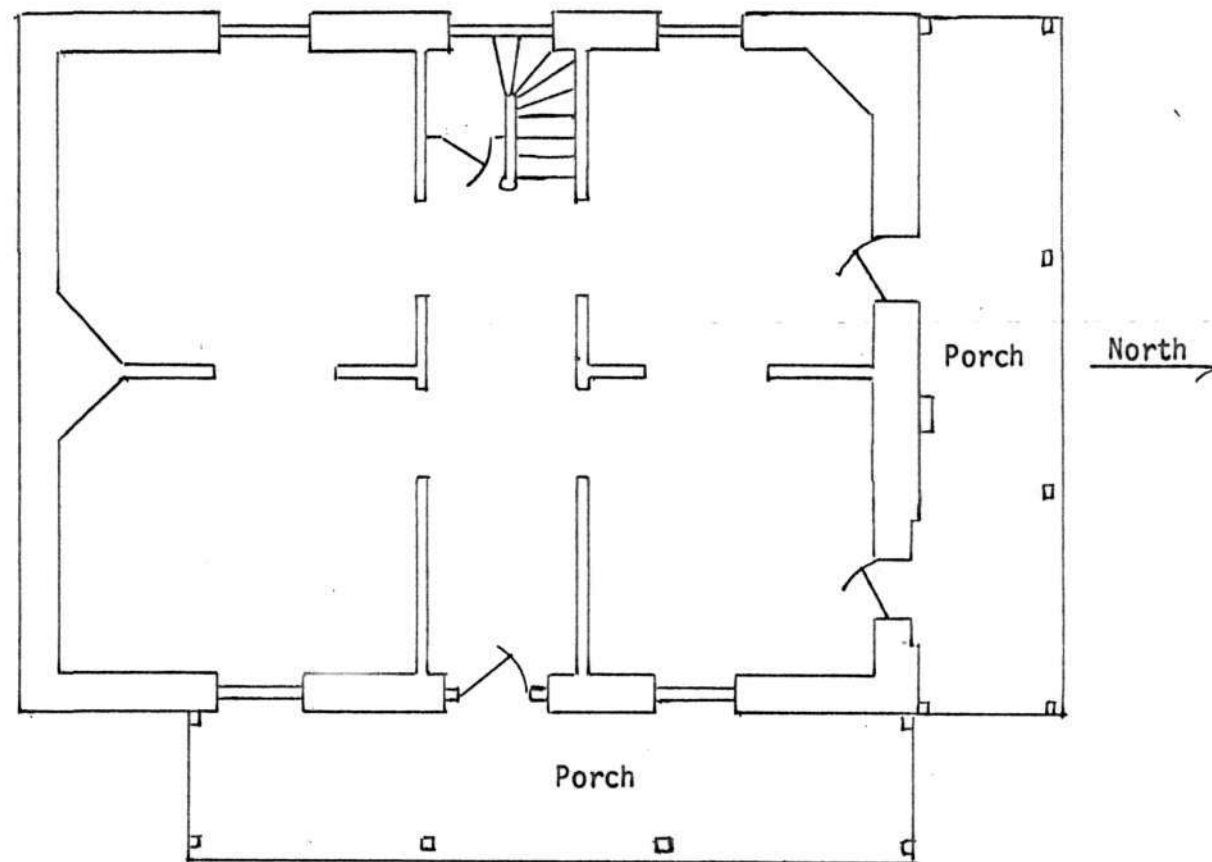
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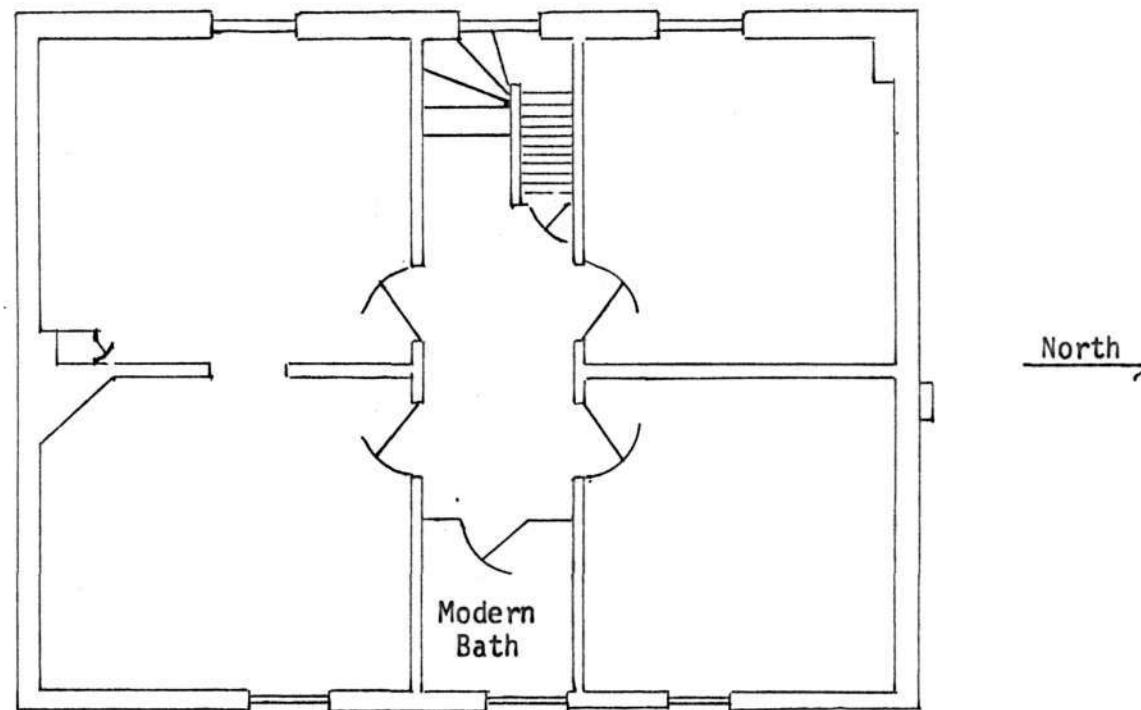
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Outside dimensions of the structure excluding porches are 28'x36'.

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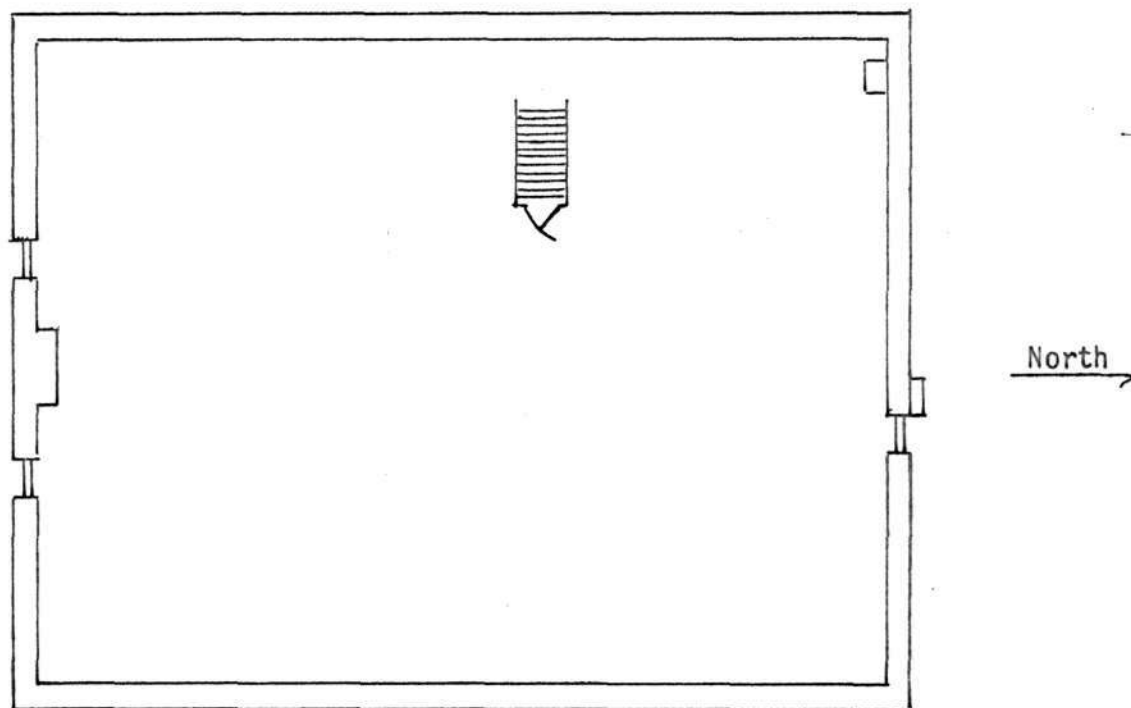
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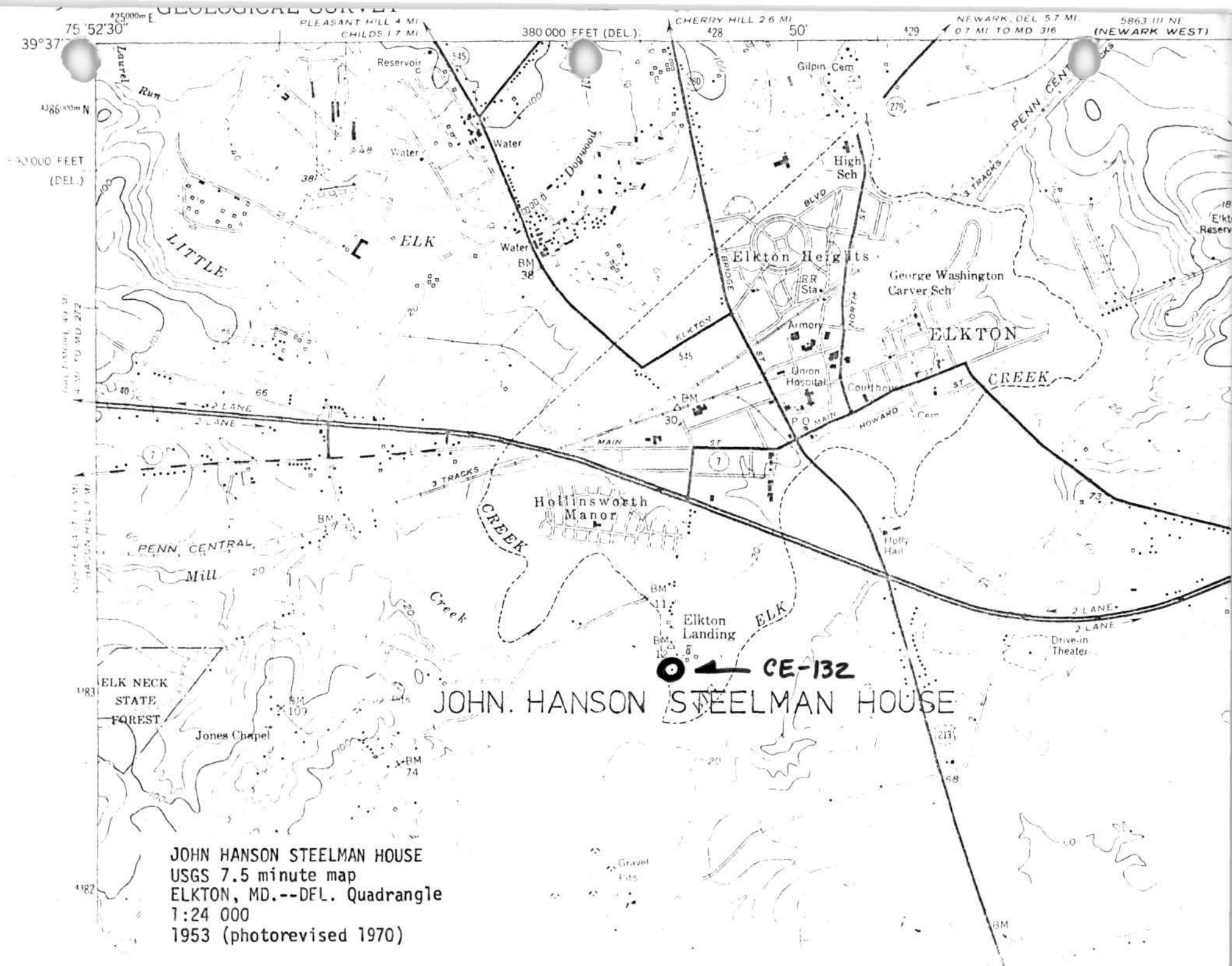
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3rd floor (garret) plan

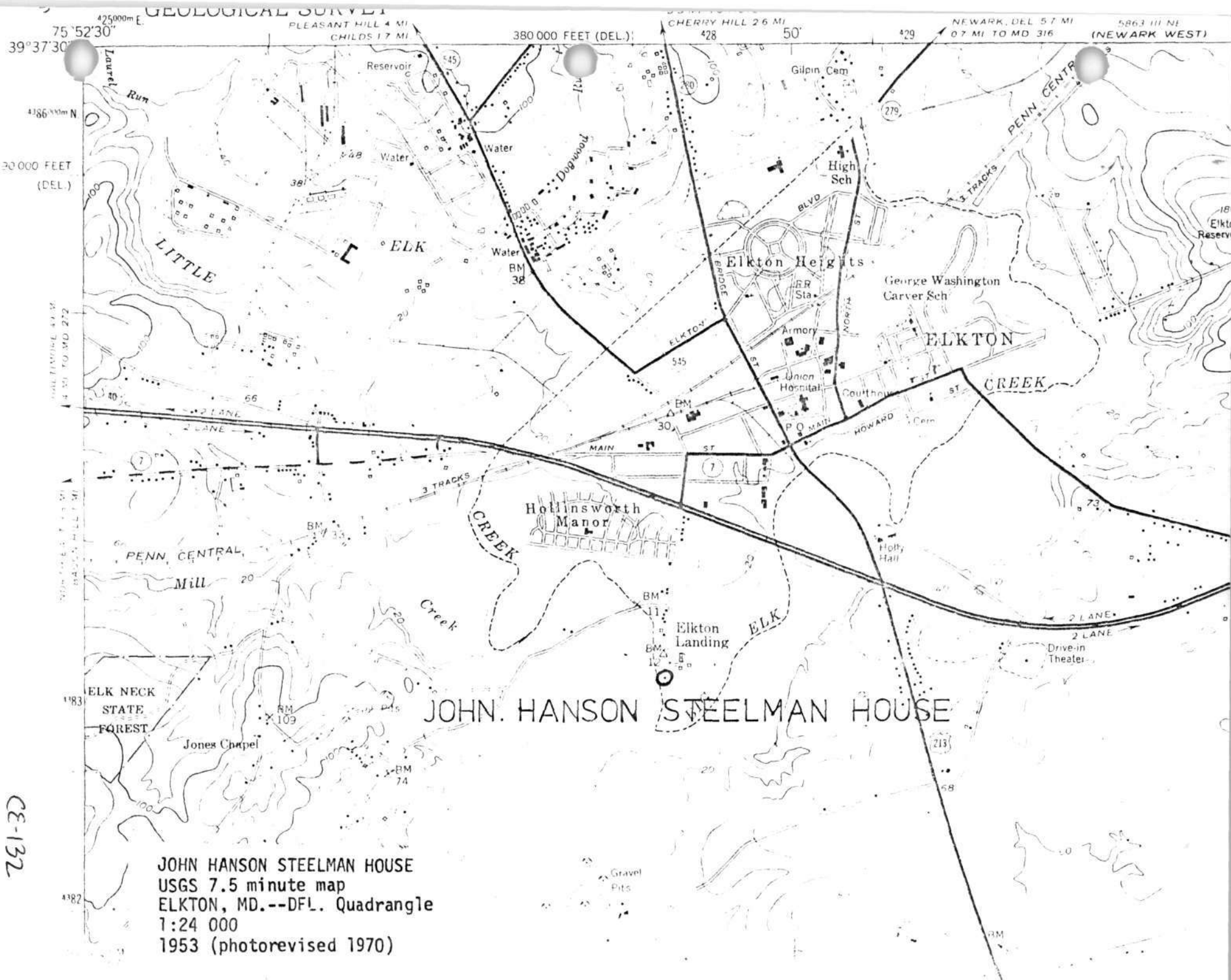


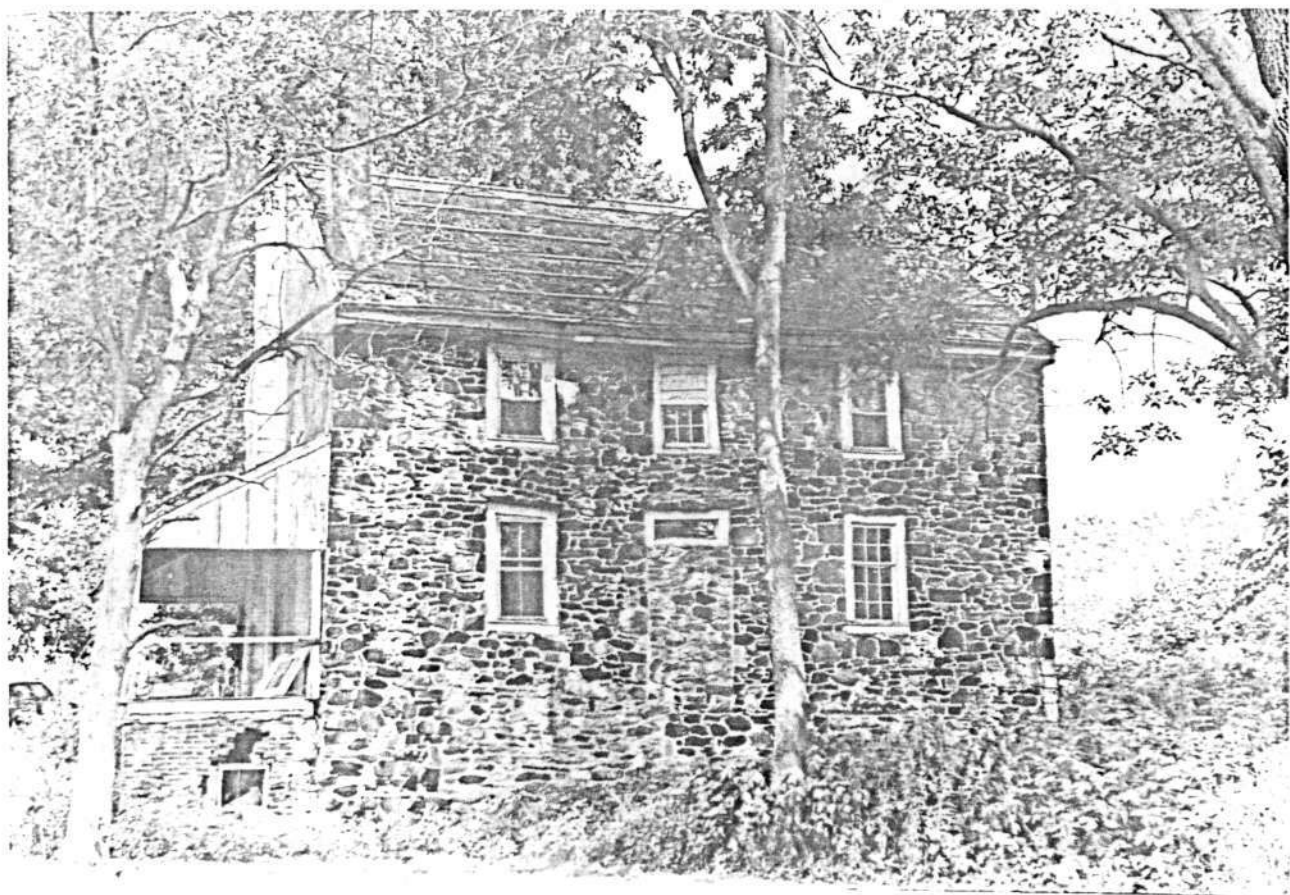
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Window size and placement from photographs.



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USGS 7.5 minute map
ELKTON, MD.--DEL. Quadrangle
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1953 (photorevised 1970)





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South end of Landing Lane, Elkton, Cecil County, MD

Richard H. Hulan photo

April 17, 1983

Negative at MHT

South gable wall and east front; photographer faced
northwest from the edge of a cornfield

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South end of Landing Lane, Elkton, Cecil County, MD

Richard H. Hulan photo

July 18, 1983

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West front (originally the front of the house, facing
the creek); photographer faced east by southeast
from near the edge of the creek

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South end of Landing Lane, Elkton, Cecil County, MD

Richard H. Hulan photo

April 17, 1983

Negative at MHT

View of the site and structure; photographer facing south by southwest; original orientation of the house was toward Little Elk Creek, which is tidal (and was navigable) to this point; a barge manufactory was operated about 150 yards north of the house until 1919

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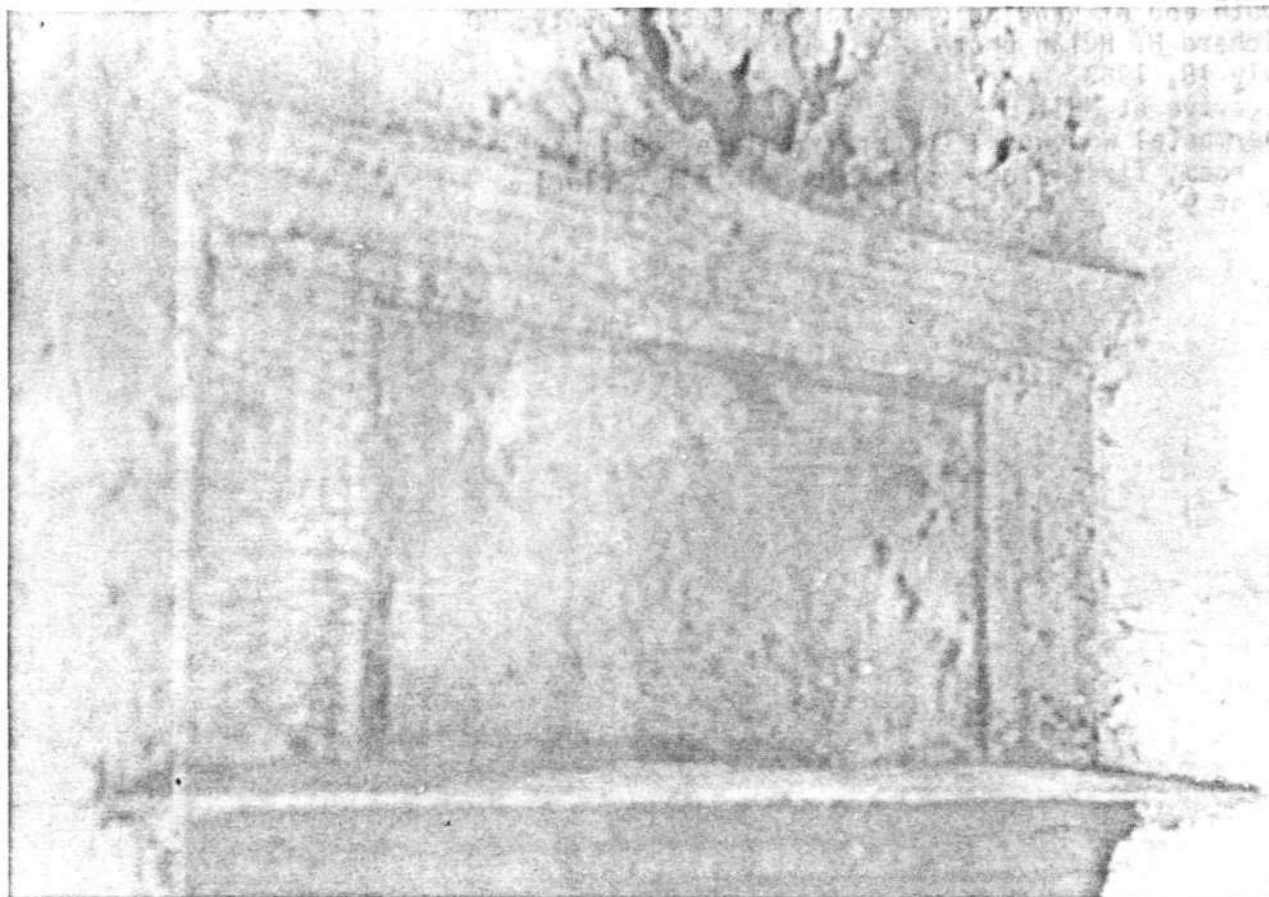
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North gable wall and west front; photographer faced southeast

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Overmantel woodwork, corner fireplace, northwest
room, first story (probable original parlor)

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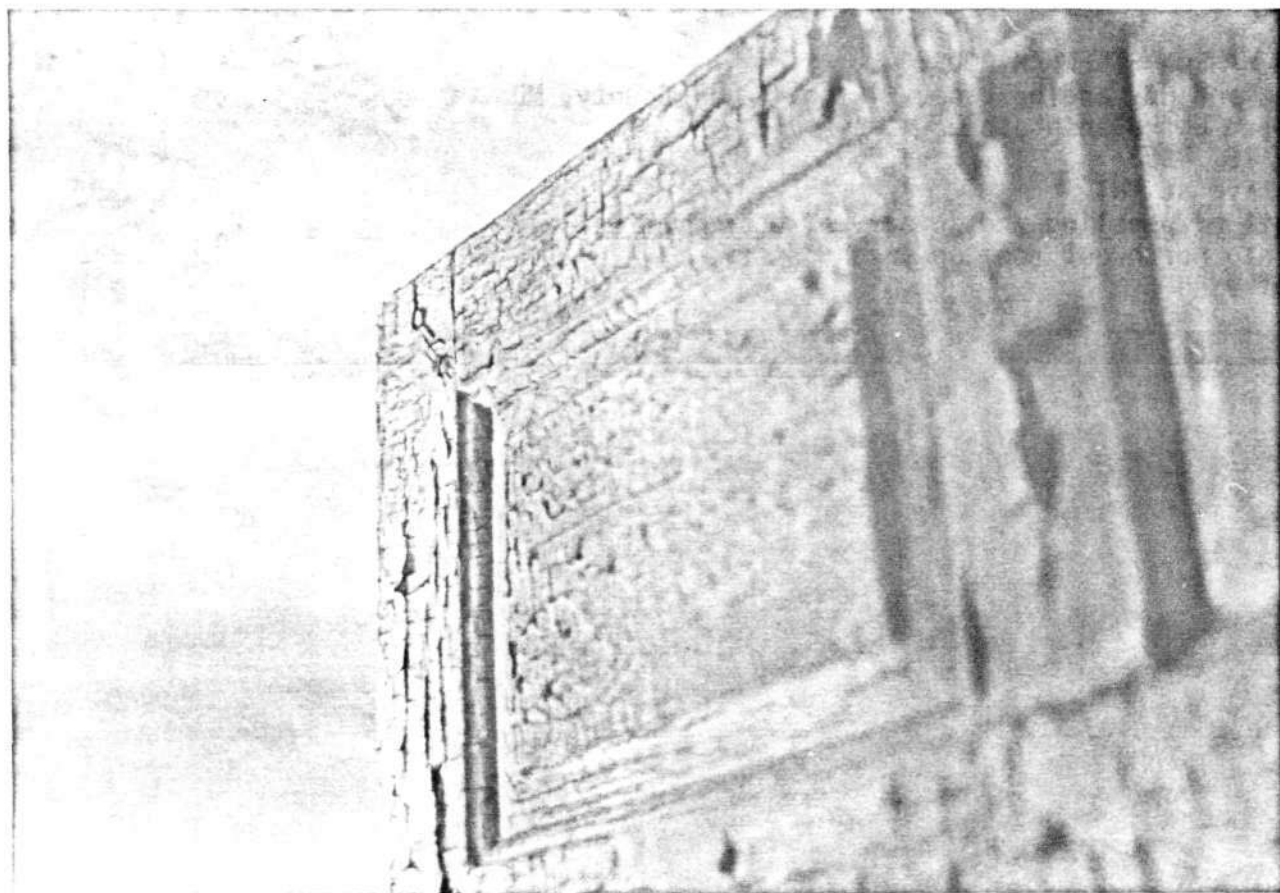
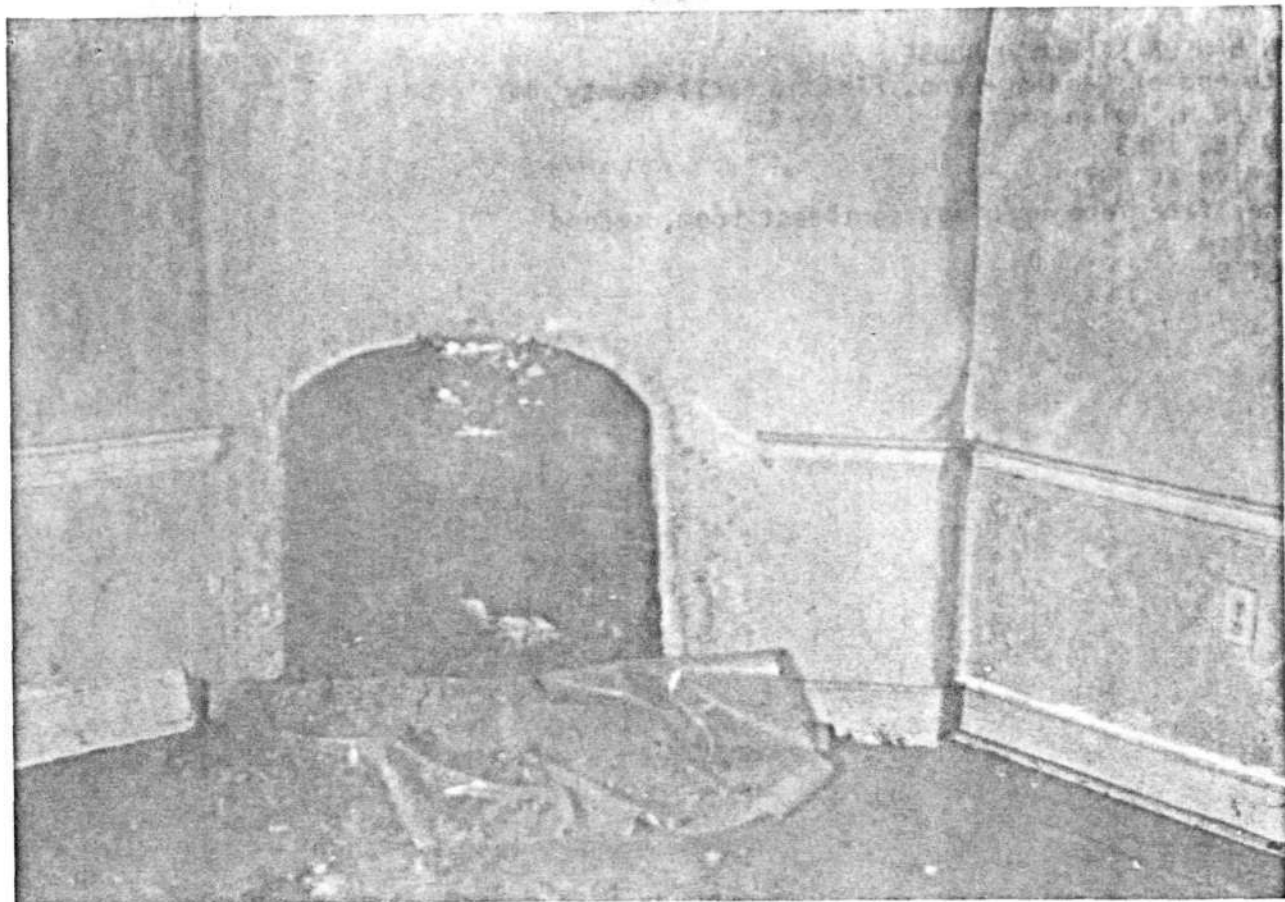
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Corner fireplace and overmantel paneling, southwest
room, first story; the mantel shelf and two
brackets are modern

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Corner fireplace opening, southeast room, second
story

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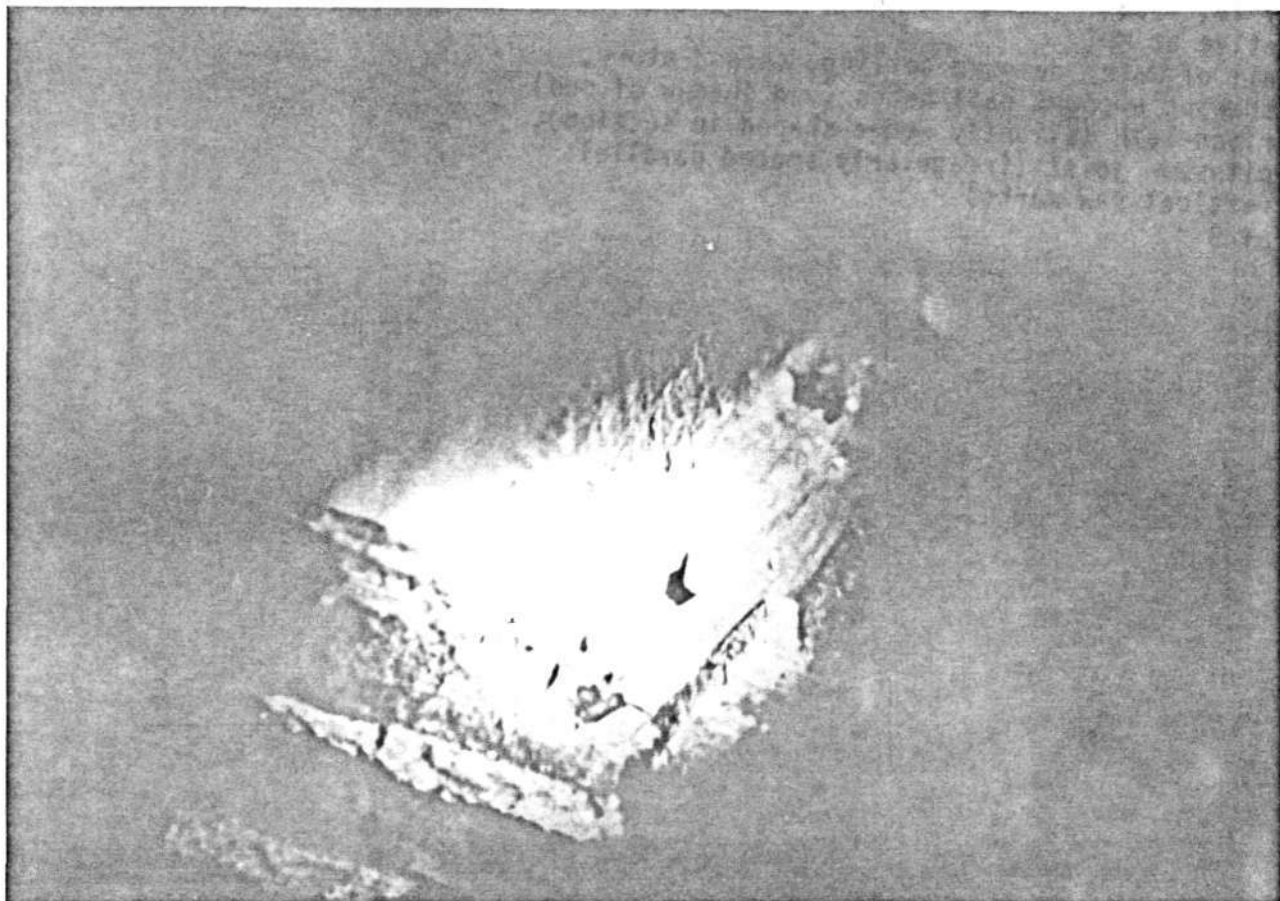
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Detail of paneling and joinery of door from hallway
into northwest room on second story

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Detail of water-damaged ceiling, second story,
showing wrought nail heads (and shadow of one),
riven lath (slightly wedge-shaped in section),
pit-sawn joist (irregularly spaced parallel
vertical saw marks)

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Near Elktown

Paul Touart 4/79

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1. STATE <u>Maryland</u> COUNTY <u>Cecil County</u> TOWN <u>Elkton</u> VICINITY <u>Elk Landing</u> STREET NO.		HISTORIC AMERICAN BUILDINGS SURVEY INVENTORY <u>CE-132</u>	
ORIGINAL OWNER ORIGINAL USE <u>dwelling</u> PRESENT OWNER <u>Mr. George Blake</u> PRESENT USE <u>dwelling</u> WALL CONSTRUCTION <u>field stone</u> NO. OF STORIES <u>2</u>		2. NAME <u>ELK LANDING</u> DATE OR PERIOD <u>18th Century</u> STYLE <u>Colonial</u> ARCHITECT BUILDER	
4. NOTABLE FEATURES, HISTORICAL SIGNIFICANCE AND DESCRIPTION		3. FOR LIBRARY OF CONGRESS USE	
At Elk Landing is a three bay long, two story field stone structure which is a full story taller on the water side of the house. The size of the windows accomodate 6/9 sash on the first floor and 6/6 on the second floor (some have been replaced with differing sash). There is a central door approached through a screened porch and there is another porch on the north gable. Chimneys are placed in the south gable and the northwest corner and a new one on the outside of the north gable which has been stuccoed. The center door on the river side has been partially blocked up and now serves as a window. MARKER: SITE OF FORT HOLLINGSWORTH ABOUT THREE TENTHS MILESOUTH AT ELK LANDING. AMERICAN FORCES HERE AND AT FORT DEFIANCE ABOUT ONE MILE BELOW ON ELK RIVER, REPULSED THE BRITISH UNDER ADMIRAL COCKBURN IN THEIR ATTEMPT TO CAPTURE ELKTON, APRIL 29, 1813. MARYLAND HISTORICAL SOCIETY		OPEN TO PUBLIC <u>No</u>	
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